

New wells prohibited in Linden indefinitely

Underground gasoline leak threat to drinking water

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Linden — Linden residents can no longer dig private wells within city limits.

On Monday, the Linden City Council unanimously voted to pass a resolution to approve a moratorium that prohibits Linden residents

“Under the circumstances, this is one way to protect the water source until such a time as the matter is resolved by the perpetrator.”

Charles McKone
City of Linden attorney

from digging private wells on their property indefinitely.

If their current well fails, they must connect to the city water, if possible.

This moratorium is due to an underground gasoline leak that was detected by the Department

of Environmental Quality in downtown Linden in November of 2014. The suspected source is a leak originating from an underground gasoline storage tank belonging to Beacon and Bridge, 110 East Broad St.

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Linden mayor pro tem running for mayor

■ Danielle Cusson seeks the mayor's seat after serving as a council member since 2007

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Linden Mayor David Lossing has decided not to run for office this next election cycle after serving as mayor for 12 years, leaving the position up for grabs. The election is Aug. 2.

Current Linden Councilor/Mayor Pro Tem Danielle Cusson is hoping to win the seat, a two-year term. She has been mayor pro tem for two years. She presides over meetings and participates in certain events when Lossing is absent.

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“It's important for all of us to take part in where we live.”

Danielle Cusson
Linden council member,
mayor pro tem

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Grammy award-winning musician Peter “Madcat” Ruth performed his brand of blues and folk for 60 guests at the Jack R. Winegarden Library in Fenton on Saturday. Concerts are part of the Genesee District Libraries' overall \$93,000 programming budget.

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Fenton Board of Ed president seeks higher office

■ Shapiro running for county commissioner seat

By Vera Hogan

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Drew Shapiro, president of the Fenton Board of Education, has announced his plans to run for Genesee County Commissioner (District 6).

Elected in 2012, Shapiro is nearing the end of his four-year term on the school board.

The sixth district serves residents in the townships of Argentine, Fenton, Grand Blanc and Mundy, and those in the cities of Fenton and Linden.

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Drew Shapiro

Culvert collapses, traffic diverted around Rolston

■ Road Commission replacing cross tube that connects Loon and Squaw lakes

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A culvert below Rolston Road between Jennings and Four Lakes Avenue in Fenton Township collapsed on Monday. This culvert connects Loon Lake and Squaw Lake. Rolston Road is closed to all through traffic and road closure signs are posted.

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Rolston Road is closed due to a culvert collapse.

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“Thank you, Andrew

Heller, for your comments on transgender people using bathrooms they feel comfortable using. As an older gentleman,

I've always felt this way, too. Let people do what makes them comfortable.”



“Before whining about an

“historical home,” take a look at the building you are discussing. It looks about as historical as the homes in the Hills of Tyrone. Get the facts before flapping your jaw. You must be a member of the ‘Hysterical Society.’”



“I resent An-

drew Heller's column about transgender people using the restroom of their choice and wish he would get the Heller out of the Times.”



COMMENT
OF THE WEEK

“Why does the city of Fenton insist on tearing down the beautiful old homes that make Fenton the quaint city it is? The home on Shiawassee should be left standing and still used as commercial.”

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THE RESURGENCE OF SUPERHEROES

By Hannah Ball • hball@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792

■ Caped heroes and villains are on the literal, social, and fiscal rise

The ideas of conflict and rivalry have never been more present in pop culture. With huge blockbusters like "Captain America: Civil War," coming to theaters May 6, and the recently released "Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice," the two movies ultimately are pitting the two biggest comic companies, Marvel and DC, against each other.

Comic book fans, and people who have never touched a comic book, are discussing who the victor would be in a Dark Knight vs. Man of Steel match, and an Iron Man vs. Captain America fight.

Loving superheroes as an adult used to prompt teasing, but now thousands flock to comic conventions around the world, dressing up as their favorite heroes and meeting the actors who play them.

Starting in 2012 with Marvel's "The Avengers," which made over \$623 million, the highest grossing superhero film to date, superhero movies have consistently made millions while remaining a topic of discussion in everyday life.

More recent blockbusters like "Guardians of the Galaxy" made more than \$333 million. The R-rated "Deadpool" brought in more than \$358 million, and "Avengers: Age of Ultron" made more than \$459 million.

The release of "Spiderman" in 2002 featuring Tobey Maguire as fans favorite web-slinging teenager proved to moviemakers that people will pay money to see superhero films, and it was the beginning of a genre.

Continue down the road to infamous Dark Knight Trilogy by Christopher Nolan, which alone made over \$534 million, the second-highest grossing superhero movie of all time.

See **SUPERHEROES** on 8

The next five superhero movies coming out:

"Captain America: Civil War"	May 6
"X-Men Apocalypse"	May 27
"Suicide Squad"	August 5
"Doctor Strange"	November 4
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It's that simple.

Parents, this one's for you. While everyone else is wasting ink and air time bemoaning the quality of our presidential candidates, my compass is stuck on the tragic and senseless murder of UT freshman Haruka Weiser. If you have a daughter, and/or a brain, you should read on.

For those who are too busy to read a newspaper or watch the news, here's the scoop.

Haruka Weiser, 18, from Portland, Oregon, was a freshman theater and dance student at the University of Texas in Austin. On Sunday, April 3, at 9:35 p.m. she called her roommate to tell her she was leaving to make the 10-minute walk to her dorm through the heart of the busy campus after a theater class. She never arrived there.

Weiser was reported missing Monday morning by her roommates and was found dead Tuesday morning in a creek that runs through UT's campus.

On Friday, Austin police arrested Meechaiel Khalil Criner, a black, 17-year-old, homeless drifter and charged him with her murder.

Haruka Weiser, a beautiful, 18-year-old girl, died for the sole reason that the scumbag who attacked her was bigger and stronger than she was. He snuffed out her life on a whim for one simple reason — he could.

We are living in a very violent world that is getting more violent with each passing year. So if you truly love the women in your life — your wife and your daughters — you had better start

educating them. Here are a few tips, just for starters:

1) Look them in the eye and tell them, '...it could happen to you.' Yes, it's a downer to instill fear in her, but it's the truth, and they need to know it.

2) Wherever you go, get in the habit of scrutinizing your environment. Paranoid? Maybe, but I scrutinize every environment that I'm in. Most young adults don't because, again, it's a downer. Keep your eyes (and your brain) open.

3) Here's a toughie: stay off the damn phone and quit texting. When your head is down and you're not looking around, that's when you get hit. Haruka's cell phone had an unfinished text, meaning she was attacked while her head was down and she wasn't paying attention. Also, when in public take off the earbuds. If you're being stalked you need all of your senses

engaged.

4) Trust no one. And I mean no one. Better to be alive and considered rude than dead and considered nice.

5) Do not go out alone at night. Ever! There's strength in numbers. Thousands of lions in Africa survive by singling out the wildebeest that's separated from the herd.

6) If you're feeling 'something,' there's a reason for it. Nature has hardwired us to sense when we're in danger. Buy Gavin De Becker's book *The Gift of Fear*, and give it to the women in your life.

7) Lastly, man up and either get your women a CPL class and a gun, or enroll them in a martial arts program. Our women should live and the bad guys should die.

It's that simple.

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OK, HELLER. MAYBE you are so naive or just ignorant or have your head in the sand, but men should use the men's room and women should use the women's room. Did you ever hear of pedophiles and rapists? Come one, come all. How sick is that.

WHAT DO CITY Manager Lynn Markland or Assistant City Manager Mike Burns care about Fenton's history? Neither of them have bothered to move to town and become part of the community.

HERE THEY GO again, the city of Fenton tearing down what little is left of the original town. Haven't they learned from past mistakes that residents want historic structures? Please consider saving historic Fenton and don't demolish another remnant of the past.

IT DOESN'T MATTER who is to blame for the water in Flint, but if there's a problem, people are suffering and it should be fixed and whoever is in charge of it, should get off their butt.

FROM A LIFELONG Fenton resident, yes that's the way we like it here. That's why we chose to stay here. If you don't like it, don't move here. Have a great day.

WE SHOULD BE very afraid at the long list of American companies who are

thinking about leaving because of the high corporate tax. It's the highest in the world. Under Obama and the Democrats, they have increased taxes on small and large companies. This is why the Democrats have frozen our economy and our job markets.

HILLARY AND BERNIE plan to kill the coal industry, the oil industry, pharmaceutical industry, and the entire healthcare industry as we know it. The other things they will kill are millions of jobs because of their policies. Simple lesson in economics.

I HOPE THE people of Flint realize that a lot of the money that could have been used to fix the infrastructure will now be sucked up by lawyers. So sad.

RESPECT YOUR ELDERS. They graduated school without the internet. I love the Tri-County Times. I love it because it's personal. People need to talk to each other more. Please put your phone down. Please don't text, call and speak to them when you're not driving. Have a blessed day.

WHY DO WE have to pay the state police and the national guard to deliver water to Flint with people there on welfare sitting on their rear ends at home, receiving water free of charge? This is the most ridiculous mix up I've ever seen.

MORE U.S. SENATORS have sexually assaulted people in bathrooms than transgen-

der people have. Sexual assault is not the problem. Ignorance is.

WHEN YOU THINK about ISIS, Iran, the war on cops, immigration, released prisoners, Obamacare, racial divide, \$20 trillion debt and the horrible situation with the VA, you can see that Obama has not only been the most unqualified person to be president, he's also been the most dangerous.

I AGREE, MR. Heller. Transgender or whatever, people should be able to use what bathroom they want. Thank you. Have a blessed day.

THE CITY IS doing fine. Hire a new DDA director that has an appreciation for restoring and not tearing down.

NOT TO BE negative but I have called the GCRC on several occasions. I get voicemail telling me to leave a message and they will call you back. I have never received a call back. What is black and yellow and sleeps four?

TO THE CONTRIBUTOR amazed at your child's lack of history knowledge, ask yourself two questions: What were they teaching them in school, and do you really want them voting being so uninformed? Take it upon yourself to educate and enlighten your children. It is their only hope.

A LOCAL GENEALOGY group meets the second Thursday of each month at the Transfiguration Church on North Fenton Road (just north of the Chase Bank). Fenton Ancestry Search Team (F.A.S.T.) 7 - 9 p.m.

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Who's your favorite superhero?

street talk

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter



"'Captain America' because he has the shield. I hope Captain America wins."

Peyton Wilt
Fenton Township



"'Batman,' because of the movie. I like how they teamed up at the end."

Jaylon Berry
Linden



"'Superman.' He's my era, I guess."

Craig Curd
Linden



"'Batgirl.' She's pretty."

Lily Kosmanopoulos
Fenton



"'Catwoman.'"

Christina Kosmanopoulos
Fenton



"'Spiderman' because he shoots webs. He can shoot people in the face with them."

Patrick Kosmanopoulos
Fenton

Michigan residents and businesses asked to 'take cover'

■ Statewide tornado drill today, Wednesday, April 13

By Vera Hogan

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Even though it happened nearly nine years ago, to the people who lived and worked in Fenton and Holly at the time — it seems like yesterday.

On Aug. 24, 2007, at 5:34 p.m., just as people were arriving home for work, or sitting down to dinner, an F-2 tornado roared through, causing a path of destruction from Fenton to Holly.

Many homes were damaged and some were leveled. In the city of Fenton alone, more than 4,000 trees were destroyed.

About 50 homes in Fenton Township were affected by a May 28, 2013 tornado, also classified as an F-2. Most of the damage was near Jennings Road.

This year already, many states in the south have experienced back-to-back severe storms and tornadoes.

Tornado season has again arrived in Michigan and as most people are aware, it can and does happen here.

Gov. Rick Snyder has declared "Severe Weather Awareness Week," from April 10-16. As a result, the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division is

calling on all Michiganders to take action to prepare by participating in a voluntary statewide tornado drill at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13.

Businesses, organizations, families

and individuals are encouraged to be a part of this statewide preparedness activity, but are not required to do so. Nearly all state of Michigan facilities will be participating.

"Tornadoes can develop rapidly, with little or no warning," said Capt. Chris A. Kelenske, deputy state director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and commander of the MSP/EMHSD in a news release.

"Due to their unpredictable nature, we must be ready well in advance," he said. "We're asking citizens and businesses to take a few extra steps during the week to ensure they're prepared and safe."

While tornadoes can occur any time of the year, they are especially common during the late spring and early summer months. As one of nature's most violent

storms, they can devastate homes and property in just seconds.

The average lead time for tornadoes to develop is 10 to 15 minutes, which means citizens need to be ready to react quickly when a warning is issued.

To be ready for a tornado, residents should identify the lowest place to take cover during a tornado.

If a basement does not exist, find an interior hallway away from windows, doors and outside walls.

Go under something sturdy, such as a workbench or stairwell when taking shelter in the basement or designated spot.

Conduct regular tornado drills. Make sure each household member knows where to go and what to do in the event of a tornado.

Stay tuned to commercial radio or television broadcasts for news on changing weather conditions or approaching storms.

Know the difference — a Tornado Watch means conditions exist for a tornado to develop; a Tornado Warning means that a tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar.

Do not ignore the tornado sirens. In years prior, the city of Fenton's emergency warning signal would be activated if a tornado siren was sighted anywhere in Genesee County. They don't do that anymore. If the tornado siren in Fenton is activated — it means one has been sighted in or near Fenton, or is heading this way.

There are signs that can indicate an approaching tornado, including a dark, often greenish sky, large hail, a large, dark low-lying cloud, and a loud roar, similar to a freight train.

Develop a 72-hour emergency supply kit with essential items such as a three-day supply of water and food, a NOAA Weather Radio, important family documents and items that satisfy unique family needs, such as medicines, etc.

Also develop a family plan on how to contact one another in the event of a weather emergency.

In the event of severe weather on April 13, the statewide tornado drill will be rescheduled for 1:30 p.m. EDT on Thursday, April 14.

For more information, visit readygov/tornadoes.

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Capt. Chris Kelenske

Deputy State Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and Commander of the MSP/EMHSD

Tornado terms

TORNADO WATCH means that the conditions are there to produce a tornado in your area.

TORNADO WARNING means that a funnel has been spotted in your area, and you should take cover immediately.

News briefs

ReLeaf Michigan holds tree sale

ReLeaf Michigan is selling hardy trees and shrubs to the public for its annual spring fund-raising event. By planting ReLeaf Michigan's trees on their property, residents can create ways to cool their homes and beautify the environment. Studies also show that when trees are planted, crime goes down, the health of community residents improve, and real estate values increase. Proceeds from the tree sale will support ReLeaf Michigan's ongoing statewide tree planting and education programs. ReLeaf

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Once these decisions are made, lower courts are then able to rely on these legal precedents to guide their own future decisions.

As legal life would have it, there are times when past decisions of the higher courts are challenged and there are also times (although few in number) when these past decisions are changed.

When deciding whether prior decisions are to be overruled, each state's Supreme Court and the United States Supreme Court uses their own specific rules with Michigan being no exception.

One finds in reviewing these rules that they are all remarkably similar.

In Michigan, the starting point is the doctrine of 'stare decisis,' which is short for 'stare decisis et non quieta movere.' This is a Latin phrase, which means 'stand by the thing decided and do not disturb the calm.'

In the vast majority of cases, our Su-

Police&Fire report

HOME INVASION ON TREALOUT

The Fenton Police Department is investigating a home invasion, which occurred sometime between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Friday, April 8. Lt. Jason Slater said a 59-year-old woman told police that someone entered her apartment, in the 100 block of Trealout, and stole several grocery items, loose change and several \$20 bills. There were no signs of forced entry. When asked, neighbors told police that they did not see or hear anything.

preme Court follows the doctrine and makes its final decisions based upon prior rulings or precedents.

However when the Michigan Supreme Court finds that a case has previously been wrongly decided, it then uses a three-part analysis to decide if it should be overruled or changed as follows:

- (1) Whether the decision defies practical workability,
- (2) Whether reliance interests would work an undue hardship if the decision were overturned, and
- (3) Whether changes in the law or facts no longer justify the decision.

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Rose Township treasurer dead at 44

■ Remembered as great friend, co-worker and mother

By Vera Hogan

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The Rose Township community is mourning the loss of its treasurer, Patricia "Trish" Lumley, who died on Wednesday, April 6.

"The loss of Treasurer Trish Lumley is a loss to all of Rose Township," said Supervisor Paul Gambka. "Trish filed for reelection and was expected to win."

"She was found at her home by the deputy treasurer on Wednesday, April 06, after she failed to respond to any phone or text messages," he added.

"We closed the township offices on Monday to attend a funeral in the Port Huron area where she originally grew up and lived," Gambka said. "She was a very giving person and cared about the residents of Rose Township."

Gambka said Lumley volunteered at the children's hospital helping children cancer patients in her off hours.

"She will be missed by all," he added.

Staff sentiments on Lumley's passing were shared on the Rose Township website.

They said, "Trish touched more people in her life than most will in a lifetime. We will all miss her words of encouragement and simple acts of kindness. She was a great friend, co-worker and mother."



Trish Lumley

According to her obituary, Lumley was actively involved in her community and with organizations benefiting her passions.

One of those passions was helping to care for the two cats, Holly and Rose, adopted by Rose Township personnel.

Lumley was photographed in a Tri-County Times feature story about the office pets in February of this year.

Clerk Debbie Miller said Lumley's funeral was very nice. "Several lovely comments were made," she said. "Trish had a big heart and would help people whatever way she could and they loved her."

A gofundme.com account has been established to help with Lumley's funeral expenses (Trish Lumley Funeral Expenses).

HOT LINE CONTINUED

SO HELLER ADVOCATES gender-free bathrooms, come one, come all? Imagine the first day of school with that kind of idiocy. North Carolina did not, 'pass a law in search of a problem,' (his words), quite clearly they are trying to prevent any problems from happening in the first place.

LAKE FENTON'S TORREY Hill has done an excellent job bringing Autism awareness to their building. Thank you for educating the students and staff on acceptance of those with Autism. The hallways are decorated in blue with puzzle pieces. Great Job to all staff for an outstanding job.



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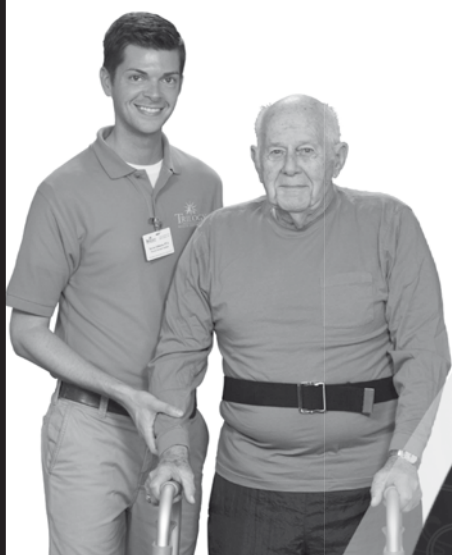
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SUPERHEROES

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The world began to see that this brand of literal vigilantism can be as dramatic, entertaining, and culturally important as non-genre movies.

Afterall, superheroes are archetypes created by man in response to the world as is.

SUMMARY

In the past decade, superhero movies have proved that this caped genre has merit culturally and in the box office.

One of Marvel's most famous superheroes and icons, Captain America, was created in the 1920s during World War II. He's seen punching Hitler in the face and defeating the Axis powers on the cover of old comic books, a powerful message for troops and America at the time.

Superman, the caped crusader who's impervious to bullets, was created in the 1930s by Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster after Siegel's father died during a nighttime robbery at his second-hand clothes store, according to telegraph.co.uk.

Gunshots were heard at the time of the incident, and many surmise he created a bulletproof super human who fights for justice in order to cope with the loss.

Superheroes became popular back then because people wanted comfort during dark times, and the popularity has risen once again.

Now, there are more than 30 superhero movies from Marvel, DC, Fox, and Sony, slated to come out from 2016 to 2020, not including "Batman v. Superman."

Marvel continues the Avengers' storyline, with more films focusing on Thor, Captain America, and others.

DC will show new characters on the big screen from the infamous Justice League, and on the flip side, a few of the most famous DC villains with the release of "Suicide Squad."

Source: fastcocrete.com, io9.gizmodo.com, superherostuff.com, apa.com

Origins of superheroes

Superman

Clark Kent, AKA Superman, was created in the 1930s weeks after Jerry Siegel's father was killed in a robbery.

Batman

Bob Kane and Bill Finger are credited with the creation of Bruce Wayne, AKA Batman, in 1939. He was first seen in Detective Comics #27. July 23 is Batman Day.

The Flash

Numerous characters become the fastest man alive, starting with the first Flash in 1956 created by Robert Kanigher.

Wonder Woman

In response to the bloody and violent comics soldiers loved to read during WWII, psychologist William Marston created Princess Diana, a warrior who fought with love as well as strength.

Spiderman

A few people have been the web-slinging vigilante, Spiderman, who was created by Stan Lee and Steve Ditko in the early 1960s.

Iron Man

Stan Lee created Tony Stark, AKA Iron Man, in 1963. The character originated in Vietnam and the story had communist villains and political intrigue.

Captain America

Steve Rogers, America's favorite soldier, was created in the early 1940s as a symbol of patriotism in response to World War II.

Black Widow

Created by Stan Lee, Natasha Romanova first appeared in Marvel comics in 1964 as an antagonist to Iron Man. She later joined the spy agency S.H.I.E.L.D. and the Avengers.

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Opinion

Shiawassee house may, or may not, be original

■ Either way, the house and property is still part of Fenton's rich history

By Vera Hogan

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It's a journalist's worst nightmare. You research a topic for accuracy, find four or five sources that convince you the information is solid and factual — then, when it's too late, someone challenges that information.

That's what happened last week with the articles in print and online regarding the building at 106 W. Shiawassee Ave. in Fenton, and the Downtown Development Authority's (DDA) plans to tear it down to make way for a mixed-use building.

On Friday night, Donna Seger, president of the Fenton Historical Society, called me at home and said, "I think we made a mistake..."

Donna told me that despite everything we found to confirm that this building was built in 1837 by Judge Daniel LeRoy and William Fenton, which was used as a hotel, tavern and stage coach stop, making it the oldest building in town, the "challenge" prompted them to keep digging into the matter and they found something.

In Ruth Anne Silbar's book about Fenton history, "A Time To Remember," published in 1976, Silbar wrote that the original building was partially dismantled a few times. Each time, it was given a different use including a home for recovering alcoholics, and ultimately torn down in 1901, with parts of it moved to another Shiawassee Avenue location.

Having said that, Silbar, too, was a journalist. She was the editor of the now defunct newspaper, The Fenton Independent.

Since Silbar would have been too young to have acquired this information first-hand, she had to get it from somewhere — probably the same place we looked, museum and other historical records.

Only we can't find her source of information, so here we are, not sure whether any part of the building standing there now has any part of the original building still in place, or not.

My own house was built in 1860 and it looks nowhere near what it did when it was built that many years ago.

Is 106 W. Shiawassee the original building, or at least part of it? That's what we don't know.

Here's what we do know.

Even if the building is not original, it is still at least 110 or more years old and part of Dibbleville, the site of Fenton's rich history. The building has not been condemned and, in fact, has been restored beautifully and could easily be sold for a handsome sum to the people who have already expressed interest.

Mike Burns, the DDA director, who is also the assistant city manager, and City Manager Lynn Markland, have said there is "a developer" interested in that property.

Did they choose the developer and if so, why that particular developer and not the several others that have expressed interest in that house and property?

Why not consider requests for proposals? What would it hurt to hear what all interested parties have to offer? The DDA is charged with making decisions for the benefit of all the people and businesses in the DDA district, and all the taxpayers who provide the dollars that go into the DDA coffers.

Rather than withstand the public outcry over plans to tear down the building, and hope it dies down and goes away, why not reveal the name of the developer and specific plans for this property? What's the big secret? Maybe we'll like it.

And this begs another question many people have been asking. If you have a developer in mind already, why would the DDA spend \$20,000 of our tax dollars to demolish the building? Why not let that developer pay to tear it down.



Vera Hogan

HOT LINE CONTINUED

LIBERALS HATE THE police. They despise the military. They allow babies to be aborted. They don't seem to mind that Islam terrorists are killing Christians. I think it's time to vote Republican. What took me so long?

DDA — PLEASE DO not tear down the building on Shiawassee. We are still paying the price of the people who tore down beautiful old buildings downtown in the '70s. No more.

I'M CURIOUS AS to who actually runs Fenton. The DDA tears down buildings, constructs new ones, designs roads and sidewalks — all with our tax dollars. I thought the city council was responsible for these decisions and spending our taxes.

TO THE HOT-liner who complained about 18 year olds having the vote and voting for Sanders, at least they aren't voting for Hillary. By the way, 18-year-old males still need to register for the draft. I bet you'll complain when females are required to register.

CURIOUS IF ANYONE has noticed any odd aircrafts near Fenton in the last few months. Mostly North Long Lake Road, Thompson Road and expressway area? All between 12 to 3 a.m. Much larger

than remote devices, some larger than planes arriving at Bishop. I'm not crazy, just curious.

OBAMA SAYS HILLARY did not compromise American security. That is 'Bovine Scatology.' A good intelligence operative does their job without leaving a trace of what they have done.

I DISAGREE WITH the DDA's plans to demolish the house at 106 West Shiawassee. Fenton is rich in history. It should be kept that way. Restore it or let someone purchase it.

IF THE FENTON DDA gets their way and keeps tearing down the historic buildings in the city there won't be a building over 10 years old left in the city. What happened to preserving Fenton's history?

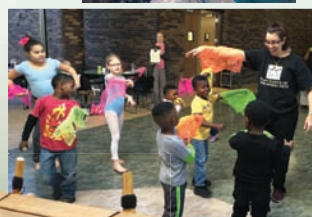
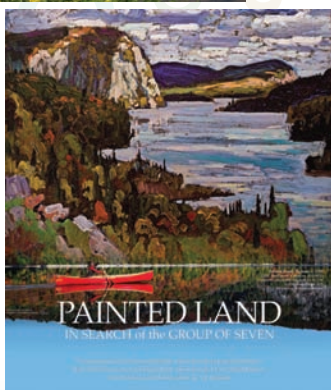
CRUZ WENT OUT to Colorado and bought or promised things to get delegates. That is what a politician does. And what will this cost John Q Public? Enough with the politicians, Donald Trump is the one we need to straighten our world out and make our country what it should be — strong.

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SHAPIRO

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Incumbent Tony Brown, a Fenton Township resident, holds the seat currently. He is seeking re-election.

Both Republicans, Brown and Shapiro will face off in the Aug. 2 primary election. If no Democratic candidates come forward before the Tuesday, April 19, deadline, the primary election will decide the race.

Shapiro has created a Facebook page called "Drew Shapiro for County Commissioner," and has received significant support from followers.

A 2006 graduate of Fenton High School, Shapiro graduated from Central Michigan University in 2011. He works as a finance professional, having built his own company while attending college.

Shapiro said he is running for county commissioner in the sixth district because he feels southern Genesee County needs stronger representation at the county level.

The amount of taxes residents in Southern Genesee County pay is disproportionately high for the services they receive.

The sixth district represents 8.9 percent of the county population, but puts in about 14.5 percent of the budgeted funds, Shapiro said.

Shapiro said he would also like to see reduced response times as it relates to law enforcement and other emergency services.

"Response times are very low now but I want to keep it that way so that we can improve funding and maintain our own dispatches in the sixth district," he said. "We already have the best response times around and I want to keep it that way."

Shapiro said currently, everyone pays a surcharge on their phone for emergency

HOT LINE CONTINUED

HILLARY HAS SAID if elected, she will be appointing the next few supreme court justices and through them will repeal the second amendment of the constitution and rid the country of firearms.

■■■■
WARNING - NEW PHONE scam. I just got a call that my 'Microsoft windows license was about to expire,' with a phone number to call. I did not call because Windows licenses do not expire. I knew it was a scam, but many people may make the mistake and give them information or money.

■■■■
LIVINGSTON COUNTY IS grading dirt roads, but Genesee County is different. Whitaker Road, north of Owen Road, is in horrible condition, but the GCRC only gives us lip service. They should use their personal vehicle and drive our road. We need help.

services. The county redistributes those funds based on population, and Southern Genesee County has a lower population.

"I have already been endorsed by Police Chief Rick Aro in Fenton, and Chief Dan Allen in Argentine Township," Shapiro said.

Shapiro said he would also like to see public transportation improved in southern Genesee County.

"Somebody's got to fight for that," he said. "I really want to be the voice of southern Genesee County. I'm not afraid to be unpopular in Flint. I will be there to serve southern Genesee County."

Shapiro said the current sixth district commissioner is not doing a bad job, but thinks it's time the voters have a choice.

"I think people recognize the future when they see it," said Shapiro.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Grammy award-winning musician Peter "Madcat" Ruth plays a harmonica while performing for 60 guests at the Jack R. Winegarden Library in Fenton on Saturday.

'We're not just about books'

■ Genesee District Libraries strive for well-rounded experience for patrons

By Tim Jagielo

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Fenton — On Saturday morning, the Jack R. Winegarden Library was anything but quiet.

Grammy award-winning artist Peter Madcat Ruth strummed, sang and tapped his foot as a one-man band before an audience of 60.

By the end of the one-hour concert, he had everyone singing "This Little Light of Mine," along with him to finish the performance.

Fenton's library is one of 19 libraries in the Genesee District Library (GDL) system. Linden's library is in the Mill building on Main Street.

After Ruth's 11 a.m. show in Fenton, he headed off to Davison's library for a 2 p.m. concert.

According to GDL Community Relations Assistant Kelly Flynn, this will be

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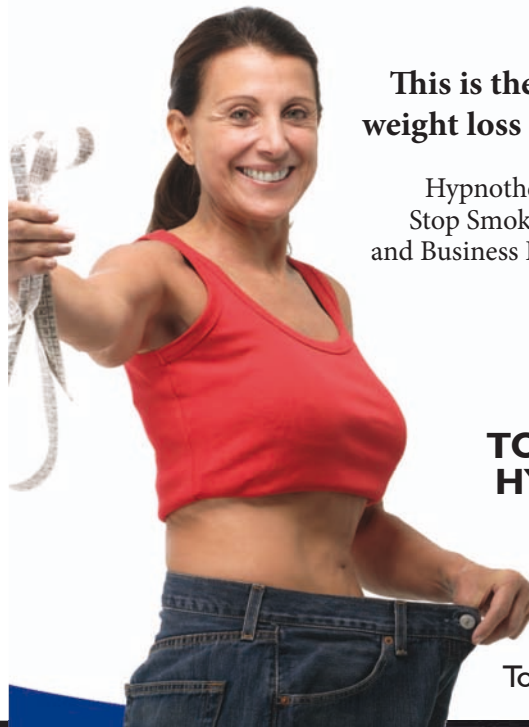
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BOOKS

Continued from Page 11 approximately one of three concerts to be held in Fenton. For programming, the GDL has budgeted \$93,000 for all 19 branches in 2016.

"I think (concerts) make the GDL well-rounded," she said. "We're not just about books." She said the goal of the library system is to have something for all ages, and provide access to technology as well.

She said this is achieved by simply listening to what their patrons want. The GDL system of fers concerts, author events, cooking demonstrations, children's story times, magic shows, crafts, computer and genealogy classes, book sales, and many animal and nature programs, said Flynn via email.

"One thing that might surprise people is the fact that we offered wine, mead (honey wine), and beer-making classes in the fall. Another surprising offering is our yoga classes, which are wildly popular. Our patrons now have free access to Consumer Reports, too."

She said Wi-Fi usage jumped 70-percent in 2015 after the GDL invested in new Wi-Fi hardware.

Fenton's library may be the busiest public building in town. Flynn said that in 2015, more than 72,000 visited and checked out over 112,000 items — an average of

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Kelly Flynn
Community Relations
Assistant, Genesee District Library

197 visitors per day. They signed up more than 1,000 new patrons, and had over 10,000 computer log-ins.

But libraries are all about that in-person experience. When Ruth finished his concert, he chatted with audience members about harmonicas, and Karen George of Fenton shook his hand telling him, "This made my heart happy."

The modern library

The Genesee District Library (GDL) has a catalogue of more than 20,000 e-books that patrons can check out, along with access to more than 100 e-magazines. Freegal, their free online music database, allows patrons to download and keep five songs per week. They also have unlimited access to free music streaming. The GDL website is now mobile responsive, to be accessed on the go.

Source: Kelly Flynn, GDL

Peter Madcat Ruth

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

I SURE HOPE that the person who develops the now empty LaJoie property doesn't put up that monstrosity he was proposing. The city was all set to rubber stamp it. Seemed way too big.

KEEP VOTING DEMOCRAT and you will have men using girls' bathrooms and a whole lot more. Newsflash — that is the agenda of the liberal progressive Democrats, not a Republican or conservative position.

I AM REALLY surprised that more parents aren't upset by the possibility of LGBTQ students being allowed to use school facilities, bathrooms/showers, according to their wishes and the gender they identify with. Doesn't sound like a good plan to me. Persons wanting to provide their input on Draft Guidance can do so at www.everyvoicecountsmi.org.

News briefs

Fenton Village Players

"To Kill a Mockingbird," an American masterpiece written by Harper Lee, begins its regular schedule of performances **Thursday, April 14** at the Fenton Village Playhouse. Shows will continue Friday and Saturday, April 15 and 16, April 22 and 23, with Sunday matinees on April 17 and April 24. The Fenton Village Players are also putting on three student matinees for local high school students. The story is based on Harper Lee's life, growing up in the 1930s amidst racial tensions in Maycomb, Alabama. Evening performances are 7 p.m. with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at fentontheatre.org or at box offices, The UPS Store and Fenton's Open Book. Tickets are also available up to one hour before show time at the Playhouse, located at 14197 Torrey Rd. in Fenton. For more information, call (810) 750-7700.

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Times Sports

New-look Tigers hoping to contend for Metro title again

■ Fenton girls tennis squad hoping to rebuild after some key graduation losses

By David Troppens

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Fenton varsity girls tennis coach Gary Ballard has changed the expectation levels when it comes to his squad.

For decades, being in the Metro League meant having to play second fiddle to the Holly Bronchos. For 29 seasons the Lady Bronchos captured the Metro League title, only sharing it with the Fenton Tigers twice during that period.

However, during the spring of 2012, the Fenton Tigers broke that string, capturing Fenton's first outright Metro League crown since the 1981-82 school year. And now since the spring of 2012, the Tigers have become Holly's equal foe, each winning two Metro crowns.

But this season, being a contender may come a bit more difficult. Gone are six graduated seniors who were on flights that either won Metro League titles last year, or competed for the title. If the Tigers are going to defeat the Bronchos this spring, Fenton will

have to rely on a lineup which will include a 50 percent change.

"We have a lot of positions we have to replace, so we'll see how it turns out," Ballard said on Monday. "We lost six from our team last year and we were a good team, so when you lose 50 percent of your playing lineup, you are going to have an interesting start."

"We have to see where our players are and figure out where their best positions are going to be. I haven't really figured out who is going to play where yet, because of the limited court time we've had. ... I'm cautiously optimistic with the right mix and a strong effort we may be able to compete for the Metro League title. That's our goal anyway"

The goal will be a lofty one, but it also reflects how life has changed with Fenton



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPENS

Fenton's Katy Kurncz is one of Fenton's returning players from last season's squad that finished second in the Metro League.

tennis — competing for titles is expected regardless the challenge in front of the squad.

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David's Dabblings

A few thoughts about the area's sports scene and others not dealing with sports at all.



IS IT REALLY TRUE? PISTONS ARE IN THE PLAYOFFS!?!?

The days of Ben Wallace, Chauncey Billups and Rip Hamilton don't feel that long ago in my mind.

I feel like it was only a couple of years ago when Tayshawn Prince made his epic block on Indiana's Reggie Miller, since the Pistons were the NBA's best squad dismantling the Lakers, and just a little heartbreak away from making it back-to-back crowns after losing to the Spurs.

It's been awhile. Wallace and Billups had their numbers retired this year. The Pistons have had eight different head coaches since Larry Brown. Even ownership has changed. It had been since the spring of 2009 since the Pistons had played in a playoff game.

Since then, the Pistons have suffered through seven straight sub-40 win seasons which left the squad out of the postseason — at least until this season.

With two games left in the regular season, the Pistons are already in the playoffs. They'll be either the seventh or eighth seed, and probably will lose in the opening round regardless what seed they get. However, that doesn't matter right now. For me, it's just nice to see the squad back where they belong — in the playoffs. I'll be watching.



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Hartland graduate and Fenton resident Austin Eicher has his hand lifted in victory after a match.

Area wrestlers thriving at Northern Illinois Scott, Eicher qualify for nationals with Huskies

By David Troppens

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Shawn Scott has had a good career on the Northern Illinois University wrestling team.

His 2015-16 season ranked as his greatest.

All Scott did this season was qualify for the NCAA Division 1 Individual Wrestling Championships for the second straight season. While there he won four matches, advancing to the round of 12 at Madison Square Gardens. The Holly graduate capped the tourney one victory shy of earning All-American honors.

"Oh yeah, this year was a success," Scott said. "I was having a shaky year. I had some

thing (injuries) in the middle of the season, so to go to nationals and to wrestle well against some very good people tells me my hard work is definitely paying off. This year was definitely successful."

Scott is one of just three tri-county athletes wrestling on the Huskies' squad. The other two are Fenton resident and Hartland graduate Austin Eicher and Shawn's younger brother Andrew Scott.

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Gilbert captures all-state honors : Spring prep sports season hits midseason form this week

Fenton senior named to BCAM's 2016 Best Boys All-State Team

By David Troppens

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Chris Gilbert didn't play as much as he would've liked during his junior season.

However, something happened between his junior and senior season.

The Fenton senior worked hard in the gym, added a few more inches to his frame and became more confident on the basketball court. The results? Gilbert was recently named to the Class A Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan's (BCAM) Best Boys All-State Team. He also recently was named on the Associated Press' Honorable Mention squad for Class A teams.

"It was an honor to get those honors and kind of surprising," Gilbert said. "I was able to make first team in the league and that was a nice start. And then I saw those other honors come out - it just shows hard work paid off. I was able to show what I was able to do this year, which was nice."

"It was good for him. It was a nice little reward," Fenton varsity boys basketball coach and Gilbert's father, John Gilbert, said. "He's played a lot of basketball in his life and it's nice to see him get this recognition."

Gilbert was the unquestioned senior leader in many respects for the Fenton Tigers during the winter. He led the Tigers with a 15.3 points a game scoring



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SCOTT SCHUBBACH
Fenton's Chris Gilbert was named to the Basketball Coaches Association's Class A Best Boys All-State Team.

average. He did it by hitting 50 percent of his two-point field goals (50-for-100) and by hitting 35 percent of his three-pointers (48-of-153). He also netted 78-of-113 free throws in 21 games.

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If the weather cooperates, the 2016 spring sports season should finally hold its first full legitimate slate of action within the tri-county's four area teams.

Every area team which didn't compete in an actual event prior to spring break will find themselves on a diamond, a court or field sometime this week.

And we'll also see our first tri-county battles as well. On Thursday, the Metro League opens baseball and softball conference play, and two of the teams slated to compete are Holly and Linden. The Bronchos will travel to Linden for varsity doubleheaders in both sports.

Those are just a few of the events happening. Go to tctimes.com to see a full list of the varsity contests slated from Wednesday through Friday.

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sports briefs

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 p.m. and the cost is \$45 from April 11 until April 21. Same-day registration is \$50.

FENTON TIGER RUN SET 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 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.

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Dan Hudson of the Genesee County Road Commission oversees the operation to replace the culvert on Rolston Road in Fenton Township that collapsed. They first had to clear the culvert bed to allow water to flow from Loon to Squaw Lake.

CULVERT

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Traffic has been diverted around Rolston Road. Motorists should use Lahring and Ripley roads to avoid the area.

Fenton Township Operations Manager and Deputy Clerk Tom Broecker said the cross tube keeps the lake levels balanced. Squaw will drain into Loon when water levels get too high and vice versa.

"It's been blocked with sediment, but more fills in because the culvert is in such poor shape," he said, adding

that the lakes are getting full.

The commission tried to clean out the tube, but then decided to replace the culvert.

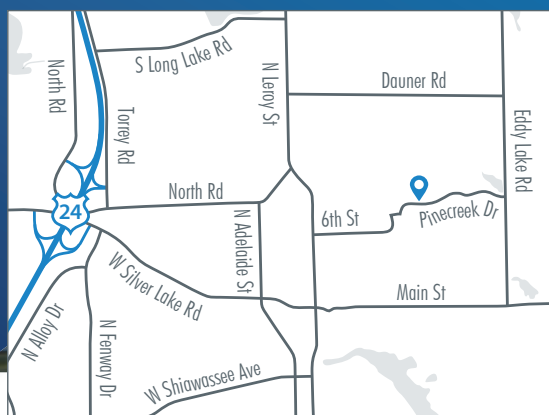
The road has been closed because the Genesee County Road Commission has concerns that the road is failing. Rolston Road from Jennings to Four Lakes Avenue is closed until further notice as the commission works to replace the tube. "They don't trust the integrity of the road above it," Broecker said.

The GCRC is covering the cost maintenance of the repairs.

SUMMARY

■ Motorists and residents are advised to avoid the area of Rolston Road between Jennings and Four Lakes Avenue while the Genesee County Road Commission repairs a culvert linking Loon and Squaw lakes, which collapsed below Rolston Road on Monday.

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MAYOR

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"I do have the support of the council and Mayor Lossing," she said.

After growing up in Livonia, Cusson moved to Linden in 2005, after visiting her family's cottage on Lobdell Lake numerous times. She's served as a council member since 2007.

"We (the council) do work pretty well together," she said. "I work well with the employees of the city. That is important as well."

She's also worked on the park and recreation commission, helping to rename Eagles Wooden Park.

She's helped plan numerous events like Linden Holiday Happening, the parades, and the Memorial Day events.

Cusson loves the community and said it's a great place to raise her kids.

She said one of her goals is to "get people into the community and realize what a great place it is to live in," she said.

Cusson obtained her undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan, and her law degree from the University of Baltimore.

She's been an attorney for 19 years and currently works out of Lansing. She

worked in construction litigation and general civil litigation at a firm in Detroit, and then started working at the prosecuting office in Ingham County in 2007.

If elected mayor, she said she expects to face the usual financial issues municipalities deal with. They just finished the proposed budget for the next fiscal year.

"We've always managed to stay above and keep a good reserve," she said.

As a council member since 2007, she knows what problems the city faces and what residents need to be worried about.

Cusson said she expects improving the roads will be a challenge.

She wants to work on the community itself and inspire people to be more active.

"It's important for my kids to see that people are involved and to make sure that people know there are things you can do to help out," she said. "It's important for all of us to take part in where we live."

Linden City Council

Three four-year seats are up for election in the August Primary. According to the Genesee County Clerk's website, Councilors Ray Culbert and Heather MacDermaid have submitted their petitions, seeking re-election.

SUMMARY

■ After current Linden Mayor David Lossing decided not to seek reelection, mayor pro tem and council member Danielle Cusson is hoping to become mayor.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHAT'S THE PLAN Mr. Krug for maintenance of the dog park, soccer fields and ball fields? Will Fenton Township need to add more employees? Why not use the fields at the local schools?

■ ■ ■ **THE DDA SPENT** thousands renovating the 'historic' 1940s Community Center and Fire Hall yet decides to tear down the oldest structure in town. How can they justify

discarding a 108-year-old building, built by the town founders, which is located right in the heart of historic Dibbleville?

■ ■ ■ **THE OLD HOUSE** in Dibbleville scheduled for demolition? It's the '70s urban renewal all over again. Either someone is financially benefitting from this, or someone with money is pushing this. Being in an official historic district, I would think there would be all kinds of legal hoops to jump through unless that was handled in secret.

WELLS

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Linden Attorney Charles McKone said, "There are times when the city has to be proactive to protect what you have available in your community and one is a water source. Without protecting the water source, deep wells could contaminate it. Under the circumstances, this is one way to protect the water source until such a time as the matter is resolved by the perpetrator."

Until the leak has been fully remediated and there's no chance of contaminating the groundwater, the council plans to keep the moratorium in place.

However, not all residents have access

to city water.

There are some areas in the north section along Rolston Road, an area on Ripley Road, and a few obscure parcels in the city that do not have access to city water.

These situations would be decided on a case by case basis.

If someone's private well fails and they don't have access to city water they need to seek permission from the city manager Paul Zelenak, to drill a new well.

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Untreated hearing loss tied to lower earning potential

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People who both hear and listen well are also more likely to establish positive working relationships with bosses,

clients, and colleagues.

An alarming new study by the Better Hearing Institute (BHI) reveals a direct correlation between unaddressed hearing loss and earnings. The national survey, entitled "The efficacy of hearing aids in achieving compensation equity in the workplace," clearly demonstrates that hearing loss has a significant impact on people's ability to earn a livelihood. The study underscores how critically important it is for workers to treat hearing loss early in order to

maximize their job performance and earning potential.

According to Ser gei Kochkin, PhD, author of the study: "The real tragedy in delaying hearing loss treatment is that when left unaddressed, hearing loss negatively affects individuals and their families for the rest of their lives in the form of lost wages, lost promotions, lost opportunities, lost retirement income, and unrealized dreams. But when people with even mild hearing loss use hearing aids, they improve their

job performance, increase their earning potential, enhance their communication skills, improve their professional and interpersonal relationships, stave off depression, and improve their quality of life."

The links between hearing loss and dementia

Seniors who have untreated hearing loss may be at an increased risk for developing dementia, a loss of brain function that can affect memory, thinking, language, judgment and behavior. This is the finding of a study conducted by researchers from the Division of Otolaryngology at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

The study included 639 people whose hearing and cognitive abilities were tested over a period of time, starting in 1990 and concluding in 2008. Researchers found that study participants who had hearing loss at the beginning of the study were significantly more likely to develop dementia by the end of the study.

How might hearing loss and dementia be connected? Investigators aren't sure, but they think a common pathology may underlie both conditions, or possibly the strain of decoding sounds over the years may overwhelm the brains of people with hearing loss, leaving them more vulnerable to dementia.

The article concludes that, whatever the cause, these findings may offer a starting point for further research as to whether interventions, even as simple as hearing aids, could delay or prevent dementia by improving patients' hearing.



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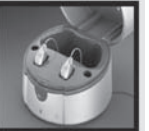
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Senate Bill 512: Mandate schools teach sexual activity rules/etiquette

Introduced by Sen. Curtis Hertel, Jr. (D), to require public school sex education classes to teach this: "... That in order for consent to be given by both parties to sexual activity it must be affirmative consent and that 'affirmative consent' means affirmative, conscious, and voluntary agreement to engage in sexual activity; that it is the responsibility of each individual involved in the sexual activity to ensure that he or she has the affirmative consent of the other to engage in the sexual activity; that lack of protest or resistance does not mean consent and that silence does not mean consent; that affirmative consent must be ongoing throughout a sexual activity and can be revoked at any time; and that the existence of a dating relationship between the persons involved, or the fact of past sexual relations between them, should never by itself be assumed to be an indicator of consent." Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

Senate Bill 524: Revise big box store property tax assessments

Introduced by Sen. Tom Casperson (R), to require property tax assessors to reduce assessments on big box retail stores and other retail store property whose real cash value if sold to another owner may be less than its value to the enterprise that currently operates the store as part of a "going concern." Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

Senate Bill 526: Ban Great Lakes aquaculture

Introduced by Sen. Rick Jones (R), to ban fish farms in the Great Lakes and connecting waters. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

Senate Bill 527: Impose motorcycle helmet mandate

Introduced by Sen. Rebekah Warren (D), to mandate that motorcycle operators wear a helmet. The bill would re-impose a helmet mandate that was repealed in 2011 after 20 years of lobbying by motorcycle riders. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

Senate Bill 535: Make it a crime for ballot petitioners to lie

Introduced by Sen. Curtis Hertel, Jr. (D) to make it a crime for a ballot access petition circulator to misrepresent the contents of a ballot question or recall petition, or whether the circulator is paid or a volunteer. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

Senate Bill 550: Allow state scholarships for religious training

Introduced by Sen. Dale W. Zorn (R), to eliminate a prohibition on allowing students in theology or divinity programs to receive state college scholarships. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

Garage Sales

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Election will be held in precincts of Deerfield Township of the County of Livingston, Michigan on the 3rd day of May, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., Eastern Time, for the purpose of voting on the following proposal:

Exhibit B

SUMMARY OF BALLOT PROPOSITION TO BE INSERTED IN THE NOTICES OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTION:

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Anyone who does not have an acceptable form of photo ID or who is not carrying one can still vote. They will sign a brief form indicating that they are not in possession of a photo ID. Their ballots will be included with all others and will be counted on Election Day.

Applications for absent voter ballots are available for the Linden School Election and may be obtained by contacting Deerfield Township Clerks office.

Questions regarding the Tuesday, May 3, 2016 Linden School Election may be directed to Deerfield Township Clerk's Office at (517)546-8760 or the Livingston County Clerk's Office at (517) 546-0500.

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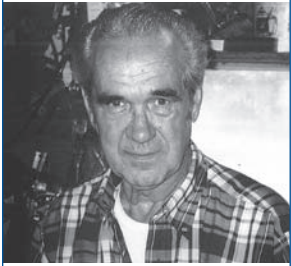


Obituaries

Times

Dale (Jerry) Sawade

12-11-1936 to 4-15-2009



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Dearly missed by your family Patty, Dale, Kelly, Freda, Tim, Samantha, Fletch, Justin, Hannah, Tyler, Zarya, Naya, Alayna and your dear friend Jim.

Paul Duff

1929-2016

Paul Duff - age 87, of Holly, died Saturday, April 9, 2016. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Thursday, April 14, 2016 at Sharp



Funeral Homes, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Pastor Jeffery Hartman officiat-

ing. Burial in Rose Township Cemetery. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Wednesday, April 13, 2016 from 5-8 PM and Thursday, April 14, 2016 from 10 AM until the time of the service. Those desiring may make contributions to Mercy Hospice, 1111 W. Long Lake Road, Troy, MI 48098. Paul was born January 30, 1929 in Vico, KY the son of Andrew and Lizzie (Stevens) Duff. He married Marcella Edna Graham December 1, 1951 in Holly and she preceded him in death August 3, 2009. He retired in 1992 from Sterling Garrett as a heavy equipment operator. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, and farming. He is survived by his children, David Duff of Dade City, FL, Lynn Whitefoot of Holly, and Paula and husband Jeffery Hartman of White Lake; 9 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by his parents and great-grandson, Shayne. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Stacy Lynn (Metcalf) Hickey

1970-2016

Stacy Lynn (Metcalf) Hickey - age 45, of Holly, died Sunday, April 10, 2016 after a courageous three



year battle with ovarian cancer. Funeral mass will be celebrated 11 AM Wednes-

day, April 13, 2016 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton with Fr. Jim Rolph celebrant. Visitation was held 12 - 3 and 5-8 PM Tuesday at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton where a scripture service was held at 6 PM Tuesday. Visitation will also be held 10 AM until the time of Mass Wednesday at the church. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to a charity of their choice. Stacy was born June 2, 1970 in Flint, the daughter of Robert Clyde and Debra Ann (Dixon) Metcalfe. She was a graduate of Fenton High School and a registered nurse at Genesys Health Systems. Stacy married James L. Hickey on October 10, 2009. She was a passionate caregiver at work and in all areas of her life, she always put others first. Stacy's children were her many nieces and nephews that she loved very much. She will be greatly missed by her family and many friends. Surviving are: husband, James; parents, Robert and Debra Metcalfe; dog, Cody; two brothers, Sean and Desiree (Deuel) Metcalfe and Scot and Beth (Ford) Metcalfe; mother-in-law, Patricia Hickey; and many nieces and nephews. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituary page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Lindsay Regan

1957-2016

Lindsay Regan - age 59, of Boyne City, passed away Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. She



was born on January 12, 1957, in Rochester, New York, the daughter of Wil-

Lorraine Kwiecinski Morris. She was a 1975 graduate of Our Lady of Mercy High School of Rochester, NY. She graduated from St. Bonaventure University, New York in 1979 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. She married her husband of 34 years, John Regan, on July 23, 1981. Lindsay loved horses and spent most of her life with her horses, including as a long-time 4-H leader in Genesee County. Lindsay enjoyed spending time with her friends in Northern Michigan and Florida. She was active in various fundraising activities in the communities she lived. Prior to living in Boyne City, Lindsay resided 23 years in Fenton, Michigan. Lindsay is survived by her husband, John; two daughters, Raina of Indianapolis and Shannon (Matthew Keller) of New York City; brother, Jeff Morris; sisters-in-law, Kathy Regan, Peggy (Michael) Shay, Reyn Richards; nieces and nephews, Jeff, Regan, and Cara Morris, and Michael Shay. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Steve Morris. A celebration of Lindsay's life will be held on April 30, 2016 from 12-2 PM at Red Mesa Grill, 117 Water St, Boyne City, MI 49712. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the University of Michigan Cancer Center or Michigan State University Extension, 4-H Youth Development. You can sign Lindsay's online guestbook at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

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House Bill 4762: Impose annual mileage tax on all vehicles

Introduced by Rep. Robert Kosowski (D), to impose a new tax of \$50 for every 10,000 miles a car, truck or motorcycle is driven, in addition to current vehicle registration (license plate) taxes. Owners would be required to appear annually in person at a Secretary of State office to pay the tax, and the SOS would have to verify and keep records of the mileage driven, which implies that the vehicle would have to be brought in also. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4766: Authorize a state "teen court"

Introduced by Rep. Andrea LaFontaine (R), to authorize a "teen court" for teenagers between the ages of 13 and 17 who are charged with certain criminal misdemeanors. If a youth accepted responsibility for the crime met the conditions and terms imposed by the court then the charges would be dismissed and the record of the proceedings would not become a public record, although records would be visible to law enforcement officials. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4781: Require school internet filters and "digital citizenship" promotion

Introduced by Rep. Robert Kosowski (D), to require public schools to have internet filters that prevent students from viewing "harmful content" on school computers. Also, to require schools to promote "digital citizenship," defined as "norms of appropriate, responsible, and healthy behavior related to the use of a telecommunications access device or other technology, including digital literacy, ethics, etiquette, and security." Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I AM CURIOUS about the trend of people who are deceased having a gofundme page. Is it not in poor taste to beg the community to pay expenses that should have been the responsibility of the deceased and their family? Why should everyone else pick up the tab?

THE DDA CONTINUES to amaze me with its utter disregard for Fenton's history. Sad.

THE \$20,000 THE city is spending to demolish the historical building in Fenton sure would help fix the potholed streets in Fenton.

DDA — RESTORE AND repurpose the house in Dibbleville. The Firehall and Red Fox Outfitters are wonderful examples of making Fenton unique. Don't tear down without getting proposals.

EASTER SUNDAY, I saw a middle-aged lady walking her dog at Linden HS/MS campus. Thought aw... until it pooped and she just looked away and kept walking. Really? Kids play there. You, my dear, are a lazy human being.

WHOEVER BROKE INTO my truck on Marl Drive, give back the envelope.

Looking for the posted stamped \$2 bills that were stolen from my truck. Call the police if someone turns them in.

THE RULING CLASS is driving God and now family out of the mainstream. The latter, through laws and shaming (PC) are removing 'male' and 'female' gender from our societal norms. When God and family are gone, only government is left to take their place.

THE MALE ANATOMY has no place in women's/girl's locker rooms and restrooms. Sorry, Heller.

TO THE OWNER of a local shop who was rude to my teen daughter: She was trying to share some research she did on a vintage piece. You did not need to snap at her and put her in her place. That is not how you stay in business.

DO NOT TEAR down 106 Shiawassee. It is a piece of our history and frankly a mixed-use development there would be a downgrade.

EVERYBODY PLEASE READ and re-read 'Ask Amy' from the April 10 Times. Now imagine millions more jobless PhDs living off welfare if a progressive like Hillary or Bernie comes to power and hands out 'free' education to everyone.

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging ★★★ HOO BOY!

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

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

It isn't always easy for the rambunctious Aries to give a second thought to their often spur-of-the-moment choices. But aspects favor rechecking a decision before declaring it final.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

Information emerges for the business-driven Bovine who feels ready to restart a stalled project. Be prepared to make adjustments as needed at any time during the process.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

Part of you wants to complete plans for an upcoming event, while your other self wants to see how things develop first. Compromise by moving ahead with your plans while being open to change.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

An unexpected change in a relationship could open up a problem or could lead to a much-needed and too-long-delayed reassessment of a number of matters. The choice is yours to make.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)

Time for the Lion to total the pluses and minuses resulting from recent personal and/or professional decisions. See what worked, what didn't and why, and base your next big move on the results.

VIRGO (August 23 to Sept. 22)

The clever Virgo can make persuasion work by presenting a case built on hard facts. Sentiment might touch the heart, but it's good, solid information that invariably wins the day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

You usually can win over the most stubborn skeptics on your own. But this time you can benefit from supporters who have been there, done that and are willing to speak up on your behalf.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

You win admiration for your determination to do the right thing. Don't be distracted from that course, despite the offer of tempting alternatives that might suddenly turn up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

While you still need to maintain control of a dominant situation, a new development emerges, making the task easier and the outcome potentially more rewarding.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

New factors might have a positive effect on a still-pending matter, but only if the information proves to be credible. Trusted colleagues might be able to offer needed advice.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

The week favors moderation, especially if a health problem is involved. Resist the impulse to do more than might be good for you at this time. You can catch up later.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)

You could feel more than a mite upset by someone or some people who might be creating problems for you. Find out why they won't change their ways. Their reasons might surprise you.

WEDNESDAY JUMBLE

JUMBLE

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

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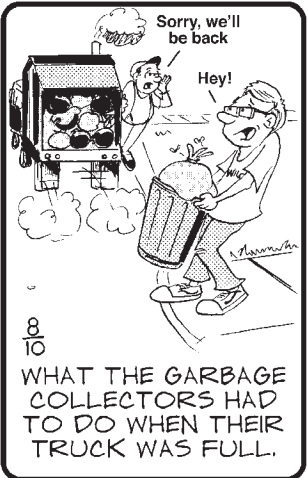
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DVD RELEASES

THE SPARROWS:
NESTING

This faith-friendly release follows the Sparrows, a family trying to stay true to its Christian values in the modern world. Terri Minton stars as matriarch Anna Sparrow and Christopher Atkins) plays her loving husband, Mike. Kevin Sorbo also joins the cast as Pastor Dave.
Unrated, 1 hr. 32 min.



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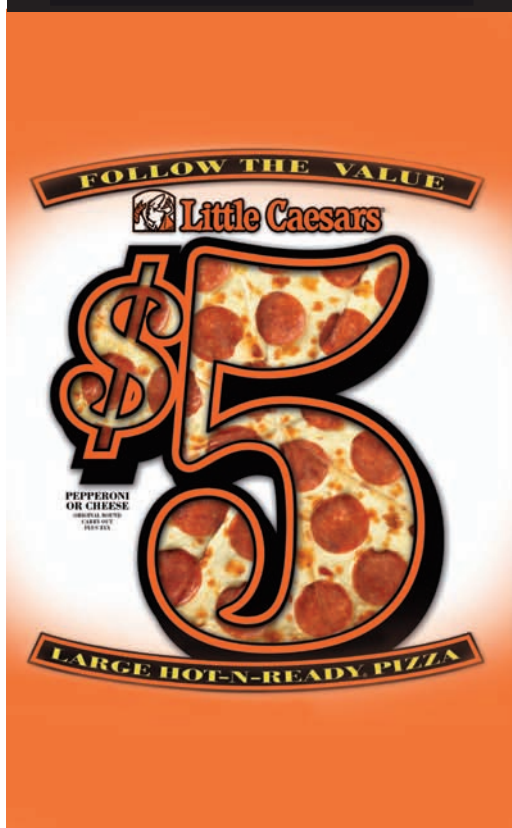
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