### Shiawassee house being dismantled by hand

■Salvaged wood to be repurposed into furniture

By Vera Hogan

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It may not be a house anymore, but the lumber salvaged from 106 West Shiawassee Ave. in Fenton

will live on as repurposed furniture and other useful wood products.

According to Joe Bruz of Milford Salvage & Iron, the house is being taken apart manually for that reason. All of the salvageable old-school lumber is being removed by Rochester Salvage, which will then have

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The former Todd Rex Design Studio building at 106 W. Shiawassee in Fenton was a topic of controversy when the Downtown Development Authority talked about having it razed.

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# Killer still at large

■ State police asking for public's help in identifying vehicle and suspect

#### By Vera Hogan

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Michigan State Police are still looking for a suspect in the murder of Alexandra Brueger, 31, of Rose Township.

Brueger was reportedly shot four times in the back while jogging on Fish Lake Road in Rose Township just after 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 30. She was found bleeding in the front yard of a home by the homeowner who came outside when he heard gunshots. He tried to resuscitate her and called 911. She was pronounced See KILLER on 8



Alexandra Brueger



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELO

Approximately 40 people came to run on Sunday along Fish Lake Road in Rose Township to honor Alexandra "Ally" Brueger, 31. Brueger was shot while running along this very stretch of road on July 30. Runners placed worn shoes as a memorial to her, near the spot where she died. **See Page 9.** 





**L** For those of you who are in favor of the liberal (socialist)



agenda, just look at the conditions in Rio. Do you want that kind of life?" **L** In this country one is innocent until proven guilty.



Hillary has never been convicted of anything, therefore is innocent. You can't make her guilty because you think she is."

# Façade grant request to go back to DDA

■ Request for 113 Mill St. needs nine favorable DDA votes; only six received in July

### By Vera Hogan

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A Façade Improvement Program application for 113 Mill St. in downtown Fenton was entertained and ultimately tabled at the Downtown Development Authority's (DDA) June 21 meeting.

The application came from Hamel-Brennan See FAÇADE on 18

### IDD established for CRUST

Number of years they get will be decided after public hearing on Aug. 22

### By Vera Hogan

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After a public hearing Monday night where two residents spoke, the Fenton City Council voted 6-1 to establish the Industrial Development District (IDD) for CRUST, the 104 Caroline St. business in downtown Fenton owned by Mark Hamel and Chad Brennan.

One of the residents, Meagan Putnam asked See CRUST on 18



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### **Rollover victim extricated**



At approximately 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, emergency personnel responded to a rollover crash on U.S. 23 near South Long Lake Road in Fenton. The first responders on scene had difficulty finding the vehicle, as it had rolled into tall weeds. One person was transported to a local hospital for treatment of injuries.

### Michigan's gas tax will be 13th highest in nation



With these rising gas taxes, Michigan's gas tax will be the 13th highest in the

### ■ Local elected officials say their approval of bills was compromise to fix roads

### By Hannah Ball

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In the July 20 edition of the Midweek Times, a story was published about the rising gas tax Michigan motorists will experience starting in 2017 to help the state improve the roads.

In November 2015, Gov. Rick Snyder signed a law that would increase regular gas taxes by 3.3 cents per gallon and the diesel tax by 7.3 cents, making Michigan

drivers pay 26.3 cents per gallon tax, along with the 6-percent sales tax.

The state expects to generate approximately \$450 million a year from new fuel tax and registration fees.

The state's current 19 cents per gallon gas tax is below the national average, but motorists often pay more for gas because of the 6 percent sales tax.

Starting next year with the 26.3 cents per gallon tax, Michigan's gas tax will be the 13th highest in the nation, according to the American Petroleum Institute.

14 and State Rep. Joe Graves (R) District

51 voted in favor of this bill.

Here are their reasons.

Graves said, "Michigan has some of the worst roads in the nation and need additional attention. The most vocal time is pothole season but we get complaints all year round. I strongly believe road improvements should be funded with user fees."

Robertson said, "There was more than one component of the plan that included tax reduction. I was pleased that both were included."

The road-funding plan includes an income tax rollback trigger. Beginning in 2023, the 4.25-percent income tax rate would be reduced by the state after any year where the general fund revenue growth exceeds inflation times 1.425.

The other area making tax reduction a possibility is the Homestead Property Tax Credit plan. This plan would allow more people to qualify for tax relief by increasing the maximum credit from \$1,200 to \$1,500 and raising the household income cap from \$50,000 to \$60,000.

This will start in 2018.

**44** Michigan has some

of the worst roads in

the nation and need

additional attention. 77

**Joseph Graves** 

Michigan state representative

"I supported the bill because it included a formula for the reduction in the

income tax. That was important to me, was some kind of corresponding reduction in another area in taxation. I would have preferred a larger tax cut being incorporated into it, but

it was the most conservative option that was available and I always try to make the most conservative option.'

Robertson said the roads need more attention and he's pleased that the bill incorporated existing resources as solutions.

"It was a compromise between people who wanted a larger tax increase and those who wanted something else,"

### HOLLY SIGHTS, SOUNDS AND TASTES







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### If I Were King...

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### Some like it hot!

K, here's what I want you to do. Quickly, right now, strip down to your birthday suit and stand in front of a mirror. Ask yourself, 'Am I covered with a thick coat of fur?' The answer, unless you are my good friend Steve, should be no. Each of us is basically looking at mostly bare skin. This is likely due to the fact that we humans were designed

to live primarily in warm climates where it is much easier to cool ourselves than to warm ourselves.

God, or as some idiots refer to him — Mother Nature, is pretty adept at arming different species with the innate



**FOSTER CHILDS** 

traits necessary to survive. Would he curse a polar bear with nakedness or a mosquito with a plush fur coat? I think not. All living things are created with an innate ability to survive in the environment in which they dwell, including humans.

My point? Shut off the damn air conditioning!

I find it ironic that many people, me not included, believe that air conditioning is one of the primary causes of, ahem...global warming. If you buy into that, then you must certainly appreciate the irony of humans, by using a device that lowers temperatures to an artificially cold level, are likely contributing to 'global warming,' thereby perpetuating and increasing the very problem the air conditioner is designed to solve in the first place.

Great business model, much akin to the 2009 federal government program providing cash incentives for consumers to buy electric cars that resulted in tens of thousands of Americans getting free electric golf carts.

But, I digress.

I believe that A/C makes you weak. Once you have been 'conditioned' to believe that you should live at the optimum comfort temperature every single day, you will chronically whine and

complain about the temperature if it isn't exactly 72 degrees Fahrenheit each and every day, regardless of what's going on

Humans are, by nature, designed to function best in hot weather. For gosh

sake, our body's default temperature is 98.6 degrees. That should be a clue.

The problem is further exacerbated by the peculiar and mysterious internal thermostat that resides in almost every woman. Scientists have yet to determine which feminine chromosome is the one that requires

**44** For gosh sake. our body's default temperature is 98.6 degrees. That should be a clue.77

a woman to want to chronically change the temperature in any house, vehicle or structure regardless of what that temperature might actually be.

And finally, air conditioning results in closed windows, thereby eliminating the 'sounds of summer.' No children's cries of delight, no lawnmowers, no laughter from the neighbors, no Tigers on the neighbors TV and, worst of all, no cicadas or crickets chirping you to sleep each night.

Some like it hot. I am one of them.

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PEOPLE DRIVE WAY too fast and dangerously on South LeRoy between Shiawassee and Jayne. There are many families that enjoy walking in the neighborhood and it can be very dangerous. There are no sidewalks. People have no choice but to walk on the street. Please slow down.

SO GLAD TO see the feature article on Vek's Auto and their intent to stay put. The last thing we need is for them to move and we get stuck with a dollar store in that corner.

TO THE INDIVIDUAL who would like to know the names of people who write in to the Hot line. Do you want names to terrorize or to thank them? One of the great things about the TCT is you can talk without fear of reprisals.

DROVE UP TO Flint to see the movie, 'Hillary's America: The Secret History of the Democratic Party.' The place was packed. Just wish I had seen that movie before I voted on Tuesday.

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HOW NICE IS the Clinton charity foundation. A recent study showed it took in \$140 million and paid \$9 million out to charity. The rest went to administrative costs, salaries etc. Certainly, this generosity would reflect well for a president.

THOSE WHO SUPPORT Hillary are ignorant of the U.S. Constitution, federal laws she has broken, U.S. history, and her pledge to raise taxes. Finally, check your health care premiums for 2017. She loves Obamacare.

WE ARE IN total agreement, calling hammers WMDs is stupid. But it wasn't my logic that led to that conclusion, it was your logic. Liberals are so bent out of shape over the second amendment they end up arguing against your own claims.

THE DEPRESSING REALITY of this presidential election is that even if Donald Trump is as bad as Democrats claim, he is still the better option. So

OBAMA SAID TODAY that Trump was not qualified. Barack's mentor was Frank Marshall Davis of the USA Communist Party. His favorite book was 'The World after America' by Fareed Zakaria on what the Muslims are going to do to the Christians and he's proud. Liberals deserve him.

IF YOU ARE going to ride your bike between dusk and dawn, please use front and rear lights.

TO THE READER who is surprised that Ohio is an open carry state. What if I told you that Michigan has been an open carry state since the '60s.

JUST CAME FROM seeing 'Hillary's America.' Well worth seeing. I learned things I did not know. You may be very surprised in regard to slavery and the party that supported it along with many, many other true details about our government; including Ku Klux Klan and Planned Parenthood.

I CAN HARDLY wait to see a pin-up of Melania Trump. What a First Lady.

RECENT HOT-LINER stated: 'Anything that can shoot a couple of rounds per minute is a weapon of mass destruction.' Since revolutionary muskets can fire three rounds per minute, they qualify as WMDs. Therefore, founding fathers did write the second amendment to include WMDs and AR-15s.

HAPPY TO SEE the new metal being put on Torrey Hill school. The exterior was looking so shabby. This is a huge improvement. Kids should be proud of their school, good job.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

Compiled by Grant Cislo, intern

### How much of the Olympics have you been watching?



"I've watched some of the gymnastics, but my husband has been the one really keeping up on it."



"Actually I have been watching quite a bit of it. I have watched the swimming, gymnastics, and volleyball; I love the Olympics."



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"I have seen a little about it on the news coverage, but I have not been watching it closely."



"None of it because I have been too busy. I do plan on watching it tonight when I sit down, it is my day off today."

- Robert Charbeneau



street talk

"Not too much, I actually forgot about it. I watch our taped shows during the evening, but I do get updates on the 'Today Show' on who is winning."

- Carol Pawlak Linden

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### The latest on Michigan's Civil Forfeiture Law

This past Sunday I read with interest the Tri County Times' article by Hannah Ball on Michigan's Civil Forfeiture Law.

For those who didn't have the chance to read the article, this law provides a way for law enforcement to seize real and personal property allegedly involved in drug activity. Thereafter, if the owner does not contest the seizure, or after a hearing at which the people establish a drug activity nexus, the property can be deemed forfeited and the seizing agency may keep any confiscated money and sell the other property.

The article was very informative and made mention of a provision of the law, which requires an owner contesting a property seizure to post a bond in order to receive a hearing. There is a pending bill in the state legislature to eliminate this bond requirement (HR 4629).

The fate of this bill is unknown, but interestingly the Michigan Court of Appeals weighed in on this issue in a recent opinion, In re Forfeiture of 2000 GMC Denali and Contents, issued August 2, 2016.

The facts of the case are very straightforward and involve the seizure of vehicles and property from a married couple as a result of a drug arrest in Grand Rapids.

Thereafter the state prosecutor commenced forfeiture procedures pursuant to the statute.

The husband didn't contest the forfeiture but the wife did. She posted a bond in order to have a hearing on her claim that she was an innocent property owner, but could only post a bond for a portion of the seized property due to indigency. No bond was posted for a seized 2006 Cadillac and this car was thereafter ordered forfeited with no hearing.

The Court of Appeals reviewed the facts and the law and held that even though statutes are presumed to be constitutional, in this case the wife's constitutional right to due process as applied by the statute was violated because the state cannot require a bond from an indigent person in order to protect a property right in these circumstances.

The case was sent back to the trial court for further proceedings.

It may well be that this case will move the legislature to ultimately pass the pending bill. Only time will tell.



### Alpine Shores to be repaved

■Not all residents happy with special assessment district

**Fenton Twp.**—The Fenton Township

### By Hannah Ball

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Board of Trustees unanimously approved a resolution Monday night for the cost of a special assessment district for the Alpine

Shores subdivi-

### SUMMARY

■ Some Alpine Shores residents are upset that it could cost them up to \$16,400 to fix the roads.

sion in order to redo the roads.

Residents of Lake Valley Drive, Lake Valley Court and South Lake Valley Drive petitioned to create this special assessment in October due to pothole-infested roads.

Residents from these roads procured 33 signatures out of 61 parcels total, with 53.27 percent frontage.

The entire Lake Valley Road Improvement project will cost \$778,862 plus interest, which they estimate will be set around 4 percent.

Operations Manager/Deputy Clerk Tom Broecker said interest would amount to approximately \$3,700 over 15 years. Most residents will pay approximately \$16,400 for the project.

Broecker said they expect some residents to pay off their assessment by Sept. 15 of this year. The assessment will be spread over 15 years for those who don't pay off their assessment up front.

Fifty-three percent of the Lake Valley Drive residents voted for the district.

A few residents in the other 47 percent were not happy with the decision.

"Originally we were told we were being assessed per household and the letter states we're being assessed per parcel of land. I've got two parcels. I just want to make sure I'm not going to get assessed twice," said Tim Meissner.

Broecker said special assessment districts are always assessed per parcel. "It's never been per household. It's per buildable lot," he said.

A few residents said they were told they would be assessed per household, not per parcel.

Residents asked if they could see who voted yes, and Broecker said that information could be supplied.

One resident said they should have another vote. "How is that fair if we were lied to?" she said.

Trustee Vince Lorraine said the special assessment district was something the subdivision wanted.

"This is something you petitioned to do. We're here to do a job, and that's just to approve it, to set up a bond and authorize it," Lorraine said.

He said the petition the people signed has the correct language so the votes count.

Treasurer John Tucker said, "There are people who constitute a majority. There is 53 percent excluding you. All we're trying to do is what the majority in the subdivision wants to do."

He said the board only serves an administrative function.

"Once we've got more than 50 percent, majority rules. You lost the vote is what

it boils down to," he said.

Dave Nance, one of the residents on Lake Valley Drive, made sure his name was not on the "yes" list. Three other residents made sure their names were not on the "yes" list as well.

The board also unanimously authorized the issuance of bonds for the Lake Valley Drive Improvement Project. The bond issue will not exceed \$775,000, according to Broecker.

Construction started on Tuesday.

Broecker said the Genesee County Road Commission has approved everything. Completion date is set for Oct. 28.



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Residents of the Alpine Shores subdivision petitioned to create a special assessment district in October due to pothole-infested roads.



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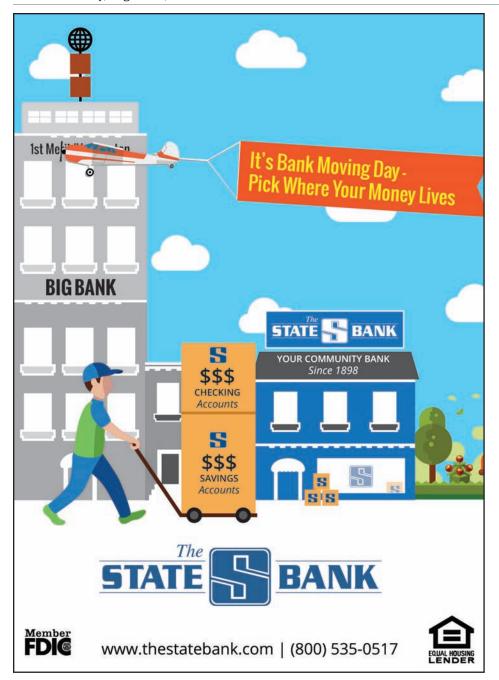
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### KILLER

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dead later at Genesys Regional Medical

In a press release issued Monday, Aug. 8, MSP said they are seeking the public's assistance in identifying further information related to Brueger's shooting.

"Alexandra was loved by family and many friends, and is greatly missed by all those who knew her," said MSP in its release. "She was also a nurse at a local hospital who unselfishly cared for others in need every day and impacting the lives of many in the area."

Brueger was a registered nurse at Providence Park Hospital in Novi.

"While we have received a great deal of initial support from the public, we are continuing to request assistance from the public in this investigation," said MSP.

"We are asking for information related to the person responsible for this incident or those who might have knowledge of the individual responsible for this tragic incident."

Information about suspicious persons or unusual vehicles in the area of Fish Lake Road could be extremely important.

"Even if you think that your information is unimportant, or that someone else may have already reported on what you know, please contact us," MSP said in its release.

Additionally MSP is asking for the public's assistance in identifying possible suspects through change of behavior patterns. Individuals involved in a violent act often exhibit some noticeable behavior changes after the commission of a crime.

#### Some of the following are possible changes since last Saturday:

- · Acting oddly or out of their normal character since this incident happened.
- Showing signs of internal distress, such as anxiety, nervousness, or irritability.
- · An unexplained or stress induced ill-
- An above average interest in this incident since it has occurred.
- Has become more reclusive and anti-
- Has not shown up for work or missed

- regularly attended gatherings or meetings.
- Has unexpectedly changed their appearance.
- No longer utilizes one of their vehicles or has excessively cleaned the interior/ exterior of their vehicle.
- Has started or increased a consumption of cigarettes, alcohol and/or drugs.

Police also are still looking for information on a white or tan-colored, fourdoor sedan that may have been driving on Fish Lake Road between 2 and 3 p.m. July 30. The driver may have been speeding and acting suspiciously.

Lt. Michael Shaw, public affairs officer for MSP was asked about the public's safety while this incident remains unsolved.

"People should always be cautious when running and biking," said Shaw. "Or, frankly anytime they are out in public. This being Rose Township or the city of Detroit, at times, I believe people let their guard down based on their environment. This can be a mistake."

Shaw will be attending the Aug. 10 meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees, which begins at 7:30 p.m.

"Hopefully I'll address some of these fears then," he said.

### **Funeral services for Alexandra Brueger**

► A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday. Aug. 10, at St. Rita Catholic Church of Holly, with Father David Blazek, celebrant. Dryer Funeral Home handled arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Great Lakes Boxer Rescue.

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### **HOT LINE** CONTINUED

SEEMS TO ME that if I have to buy license plates to drive my cars and motorcycles on the roads so should moped and bicycle owners. I have seen mopeds slow traffic to a crawl because they are in the street going 15mph. If they are on the road, they should have to abide by the law.

I CANNOT UNDERSTAND politicians celebrating after an election. I've always voted for the least worst candidate. The one elected just lost less than their opponent.

THE STORY ABOUT Lilly Smith was wonderful. She looks amazing with her new hairdo. So cute to aspire to be a dinosaur or a doctor. I love these types of stories.

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## Runners rally in memory of murder victim Alexandra Brueger



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Anita Harless (center) didn't know Alexandra "Ally" Brueger, or Brueger's father Franz (left). The Holly Area Runners group coordinated a simple memorial run for Ally, who frequented this stretch of road.

## ■Grieving family urges anyone with information to come forward

### By Tim Jagielo

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Rose Twp. — A group of 40 runners gathered under a tree, surrounding Franz Brueger, father of Alexandra "Ally" Brueger who was murdered nearby just one week ago. They laid caring hands on Franz as they all prayed.

The event was coordinated by the Facebook group, "Holly Area Run-

ners." The runners and walkers of all ages met Saturday afternoon at Rose Oaks County Park to honor the memory of Ally, and to show support for the family with a memorial run/walk on Fish Lake Road.

Brueger, 31, was shot by a rifle, and left to die on the front lawn of a home on Fish Lake Road on July 30. The Michigan State Police are still investigating.

Speaking for the runners' group was Anita Harless of Holly Township. "We're on this road every week. How did we not know her? We had to finish a run for her," she said after the event.

Harless said that runners are a tight-knit community. When a runner passes away, used running shoes are often hung or placed near where they were killed. They all brought an old pair of running shoes, which were laid near the spot where she died.

Following a group prayer, some shared their thoughts about the tragedy. "I was shocked, angry," said one woman. "I feel connected to her, because we runners do that. She's a year older than my son. She's little, like me. She ran on dirt roads, like me.

It could have been any one of us out here. I'm so, so, sorry," she said to Franz, her voice breaking.

But Franz didn't know any of these people. He learned about the memorial second hand. "Those were total strangers," he said, surprised. "It's fantastic."

Franz also spoke, and said that his daughter was dedicated to her work as a nurse, but she also wanted to get her masters in creative writing. Following her death, they found some of her work hidden between the mattress and bedspring.

Those that knew her shared memories, but most of the 40 or so there didn't know Alexandra personally.

Franz was in good spirits and overwhelmed by the support he's been given from total strangers, members of the media, and people who knew his daughter.

"I don't even know how to take this," he said, as a frequent volunteer who prefers to give rather than take.

Ally's mother Nikki was not at the event. Nikki said she wanted her daughter remembered for how she lived, not how she died.

Later during a phone interview, Nikki firmly urged the public to share any information with police. "If they would try and reach down and find some courage...and do the right thing, and not be afraid," she said.

"I want the public to think about the most important person in their life ... everybody's got one... and if this had happened to their most important person ... they would hope that if someone had some information, that they would contact the police."

Another member of the runners' group is Lacey Randall of Holly Township. She noted how often the group ran up and down this very dirt road. When Ally's death was announced, these runners were urged not to run here anymore by friends and family. Some event attendees expressed concern at being on the road alone. Randall said, "We won't run in fear, we'll run in a group and keep running."

Even after the initial group of 40 took off running at 2 p.m., others showed up to the park entrance off Fish Lake Road for 30 minutes after that, all carrying extra pairs of shoes.

By the end, a pile of shoes and some bright flowers bathed in sun-dappled light marked the spot near where Ally was killed.

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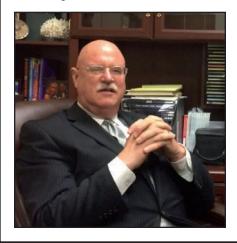
# Why virtual bariatric surgery is better

### This is the best long term weight loss option

Bariatric surgery seems like the perfect solution. And it might be, if it weren't for the failure rate. Importantly, according to an NIH study, lapband surgery only has a 65 percent success rate.

Side effects are the problem. According to Pharmacy Times, approximately 40 percent of bariatric patients develop "Dumping Syndrome." During or immediately after a meal, patients report nausea, bloating, cramping, diarrhea, dizziness and then vomiting.

Other problems include fecal incon-



tinence. More than a third develop gallstones. Alarmingly, according to the New York Times, one study calculated suicide rates for patients at five times more than normal.

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# Fitbit continues to revolutionize the fitness game



### ■19 million users find fun and easy ways to get in more daily steps

### **By Grant Cislo**

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Fitbit has gained a lot of popularity since it was first launched in early 2007 and according to the website BuzzFeed, Fitbit has sold close to 21 million devices.

According to DMR (formerly Digital Marketing Ramblings), there are currently 19 million Fitbits that have registered users and of those 19 million, 9.5 million of them are active users.

What exactly does a Fitbit do for these 9.5 million users? According to Fibtbit, the device is capable of tracking your daily steps, the distance you cover throughout the day, how many calories you have burned, your active minutes, your hourly activity, and your

# Police&Fire report

### STOLEN JEEP RECOVERED IN FENTON TOWNSHIP

At 10:14 a.m. on Aug. 3, Fenton police responded to an auto repair business in the 1400 block of North LeRoy Street. An employee reported that a '98 Jeep Cherokee Sport in for service had been stolen. They believe it was taken between July 28 and Aug. 3. Lt. Jason Slater said the rear drive shaft was off the vehicle and someone knowledgeable about vehicles knew how to drive it in front-wheel drive. It was entered into LEIN as stolen. On Aug. 6, the Genesee County Sheriff's Office recovered the Jeep in a Fenton Township condominium subdivision off Petts Road. A witness called 911 to report a suspicious vehicle parked in the subdivision. The witness said there was a white male, about 22 ve of age, about 5-feet, 10-inches tall, wearing dark clothes and a baseball cap sitting inside the Jeep for a while. When questioned why he was there, the man in the Jeep told the witness that he was looking for his friend. He then left the area. The stolen Jeep was taken to the Fenton police station for processing. Evidence is being sent to the state police crime lab. The Jeep did not appear to have any extra damage. The case remains under investigation.

stationary time.

A Fitbit device can also monitor your sleep and it does this automatically. Also, if you would like, you can set a silent, vibrating alarm to wake yourself up.

In order to use the Fitbit Service, you must be at least 13 years of age

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There is really no common age for a Fitbit wearer. Fitbit is used by all age groups and generations — the only difference between the ages is how the individual uses the device.

The generation known as the Millennials (age 18-35) will use a Fitbit for mainly running and strength training, while you will see Generation X'ers (age 35-55) and the Baby Boomers (age 55 and up) use their Fitbit for biking, running and elliptical workouts. No matter what age you are, running is the most common and most popular activity used for a Fitbit.

One problem that many users come across regularly is getting their daily steps in. Luckily, there are people out there who have thought of some creative ways to make getting daily steps in much easier.

According to Active.com, some creative ways of getting your daily steps in include:

- Take the long route to the bathroom.
- Take your meetings outside for a 30-minute walk rather than sitting in a conference room for the entire time.
- Take a stroll while on the phone instead of talking at your desk.
- Park farther from a store entrance.
- Get into the habit of taking an evening neighborhood stroll after dinner.
- Instead of texting, emailing or calling a co-worker, get up from your desk and walk to their desk to talk.
- Instead of taking your dog to the backyard, take them on a 5-10 minute walk around the block to do their business.
- Get rid of that large 32-ounce water bottle and get a water bottle that is about half that size so you have to fill it up more often, which will force you to get up and move.

There are a lot of different ways to get your daily steps in, you just have to put your mind to it and have the motivation to get it done.



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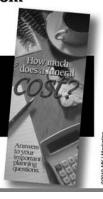
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# Sports

### LF making midnight practice into an event

Hundreds of Lake Fenton fans attend Blue Devils' first official football practice

### **By David Troppens**

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**Lake Fenton** — It's not unusual to start the official first day of high school football practice at midnight in today's prep world.

Many teams do it. Fenton has done it for about a decade.

But when it comes to making it an event, the Lake Fenton Blue Devils have taken the midnight practice to another level.

Not only were the players from all three levels of Lake Fenton's football program at the Lake Fenton High School football field Monday at 12:01 a.m., but so were hundreds of parents, friends, fans and past players. If one wasn't paying attention to the action on the field, one could've easily forgotten that the one-hour session was indeed just a practice and not an actual football game.

"It's awesome," Lake Fenton senior Liam King said. "It's a great way to kick off the season and a great way to get everyone excited for the season ahead.

"It's awesome that we have all of these people come out here to support us. They



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Lake Fenton's football players from all three teams sprint 100 yards across the football field during Monday's midnight practice session.

know we will be good this season and they have faith that we can play to the best of our ability."

Lake Fenton varsity football coach Eric Doyle admits even he can't believe the crowd the team gets at their midnight practices, but he did try to explain it.

"I don't know, but I guess it's just once a year and people here love football," Doyle said. "It's a football school, and it means something to them.

"It's fun for me to see. It's fun for the

kids. I don't really enjoy it until tomorrow. We do this for the kids, for the community and for the parents. This gives them a chance to come here and see it. Now, it's evolved to the point where people who played come back to watch. (Past player) Nick VanDuser is over there on the fence, and he's come back every year since he graduated. It's a cool thing."

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# David's **Dabblings**A few thoughts about

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



#### THE OLYMPIC GAMES

There's something about the Olympic Games that make us do some strange things.

I had one episode recently that made little sense.

I don't recall the day, but during one of the early days of the Summer Olympics I was watching the Detroit Tigers' game. It was an entertaining enough contest, but just as most people are prone to do, when the game hit a commercial, I changed the station. Of course, that meant changing it to one of the 1,000 stations broadcasting Olympic events.

On one station, they were broadcasting table tennis. Now, I'm not a table tennis fan at all. I am terrible at the game and really have no passion to get better at it. However, I found myself glued to this match pitting two people I have never heard of (in fact, I wonder if the announcers knew who they were since they kept calling them by their nationalities instead of their actual names), and never will again. Yet, I watched the rest of their match. Later on, I was watching synchronized diving, swimming and some gymnastics. I hardly changed the station back to the Tigers' game. I now had my remote flipping from Olympic stations when commercial breaks came.

I expected I would watch the Olympics, but I thought it would be the soccer, volleyball and just see 'tiny doses' of the other events maybe at 2 in the morning, but that hasn't been the case at all. I'm watching the 'tiny dose' sports in huge dosages.

Well, I have to leave. I think archery is



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Fenton varsity football players do some stretches before starting their midnight football practice on Monday at Fenton High School.

### Tigers begin season right at 12:01 a.m.

# Tenth straight year Fenton has held a midnight practice

### By David Troppens

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**Fenton** — During his first 10 years as Fenton's varsity football coach Jeff Setzke has run his annual midnight football practice at 12:01 a.m. for nine seasons.

The midnight football practice happens the first official day prep football teams are allowed to officially practice for the upcoming Michigan High School Athletic Association's (MHSAA) prep football season. That date is always on a Monday during early August. This year that date happened this week. And at about 11:30 p.m. Sunday, the lights were already on at Fenton High School's football field. Thirty-one minutes later, while the team waited for Setzke's command, the team charged on the field preparing for their first official practice for the 2016 football season.

"I think you end up waiting forever," Setzke said. "The

(previous) season ends and you get into your offseason routines. We have the countdown clock in there and you just wait, wait and wait. Finally, at 12:01 it's legal to come out and practice, so we find this fun. It's an unusual time so it makes it fun. We only go for about an hour, but we do get some special teams work in. We just get it in, get that energy out, leave and then get ready for the grind at 3:30 (p.m. Monday)."

"I'm just really excited," Fenton senior Greg Lukas said See **TIGERS** on 13



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### Tour des Lacs cycling event enjoys successful return

### ■SLPR's first year hosting bike tour attracts more than 200 participants

#### **By David Troppens**

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**Fenton** — Harrison Cypher would've been happy if this summer's annual edition of the Tour des Lacs Bike Ride eclipsed more than 100 riders.

It would've been a nice number to reach considering the event took a one-year hiatus after 12 successful years. After all, the athletic administrator for Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation Cypher could argue that it may take a year to get numbers back to where they had been in the past.

But Saturday morning's event didn't get 100 cyclists. It attracted over 200 riders.

With numbers already over 200 cyclists, Cypher exclaimed his praise for the support of Fenton's only annual bicycle tour event. This year's event had four routes ranging as short as six miles to as long as 62 miles. In between, there also was a 31-mile course and a 15-mile route.

"This is the first time Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation (SLPR) has run a bike tour so coming into this we really weren't sure what to expect," Cypher said. "The whole cycling community is fantastic. Every rider we've had here has been having a blast. We couldn't be more pleased with the people we have riding in this. They make us have more fun and I think it creates a great atmosphere."

The four tours started at staggered times. The events were staggered with the longest events starting earlier to help cyclists finish roughly at the same time.

When the 15-mile event began at 10 a.m. in front of the Fenton Community and Cultural Center, the shorter ride seemed to be attracting more families, children and causal cyclists riding together in a group.

Before starting her drive, Lara Stell had to have a fuel break. but it wasn't for herself. Her bike included an attachment so she could ride her daughter, Samantha Poyner, during her trip. Samantha, who will turn one in about two weeks, may have been the event's youngest participant even if she didn't know it.

"Yeah, but not this long," Stell said when asked if she's taken her daughter on rides like this before. "We go maybe five miles usu-

Another cyclist was Doug Brumbill. Brumbill and Stell are employees at Zander Colloids. who had a few participants at the

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### TRI-COUNTY TIMES DAVID TROPPENS Many of the Tour des Lacs participants (above) start their 15-mile ride around the tri-county area. Before starting her ride, Lara Stell feeds her daughter, Samanthan Poyner, before both begin their ride on Saturday. Samantha enjoyed the ride in her baby trailer while Stell pedaled. More than 200 people participated in Saturday's event.

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### **Adrenaline Fastpitch program enjoying** strong summer, hosting weekend tryouts

The Fenton Adrenaline Fastpitch Softball program has had an outstanding summer, posting three tournament champions and a couple of other runnerup tourney titles among their five differ-

Now, the program wants to continue this season's success next spring. The process to continued success starts on Friday through Saturday when the program hosts its tryouts for its teams at Lake Fenton High School.

The Adrenaline squad begins 16U tryouts at Lake Fenton High School Friday at 4 p.m., and continue until 6:30 p.m. The 14U tryouts start at 6 p.m. and continue until 8:30 p.m. on Friday.

Tryouts begin for the 10U, the 12U



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I DAVID TROPPENS The Adrenaline Fastpitch 16U team proudly displays their trophies after winning the Davison Tournament.

and 18U teams on Saturday and continue through Sunday.

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about 15 minutes prior to the start of the midnight practice. "This is the beginning of the season out here under the

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like a game almost It's going to be very

The one nice thing about the midnight and I just like being practice involve the temperatures during lights. It makes it feel the practice session.

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The Fenton varsity football squad does some stretches prior to the start of their special teams practice Monday at about five minutes past midnight.



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### 'Do it now'

■ Have your family immunizations updated with annual well-child doctor visits

### **By Sally Rummel**

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Whether your child needs immunizations before school starts or you choose to opt out of required vaccinations, you better start the process soon.

"Do it now," said Jori July, public health nurse supervisor for the Immunization Clinics of the Genesee County Health

### **SUMMARY**

■ Now is the time to make sure you and your family are up to date on all your immunizations.

Department. "We will be bombarded now through August and September."

She recommends that all children have well-child visits with their physician, and have their vaccinations updated at that time.

Most vaccines are covered by insurance, but children who are uninsured or underin-



sured may have to only pay administrative costs, said July. "Check with your insurance company first, to see what is covered and not covered."

"We're getting a lot of 4- to 6-year-olds ready for kindergarten right now", said Paul Chrenka, M.D. of The Children's Office, a pediatric practice in Fenton and Flint.

While you may think of vaccinations being more for babies and those entering school for the first time, the newest vaccine on the market is for teens and those in their 20s.

The newest Meningococcal B vaccine is Trumenba, recommended by many physicians, along with Menactra, to fight some of the most virulent and deadly strains of meningitis, especially for young people on college campuses. "Every family should discuss this with their physician," said July.

"This new three-shot series (Trumenba) seems to be fighting the meningitis strain that is going around now," said Chrenka. "We recommend both, to get the most protection."

The HPV vaccine, commonly known as Gardasil, to prevent the human pap-

illoma virus is also universally recommended, but not required, for boys and girls

11 and up. "I completely recommend it," said Chrenka. "HPV is the #1 sexually transmitted disease and causes 100 percent of all cervical cancer and 80 percent of all throat cancers and genital warts."

A new recommendation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Academy of Pediatrics is to vaccinate high risk children in the 9 to 10 age group, including those with a history of sexual abuse.

Families who want to opt out of required vaccinations have to go to the Genesee County Health Department in person to get a non-medical waiver. "You have to call (810) 237-4540 for an appointment," said July.

Immunization clinics through the Genesee County Health Department are held at the Burton Health Center, G-3373 South Saginaw St., Burton on the following days:

- Morning Clinic Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 8 to 11 a.m., walk-ins only
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### SGT. PATRICK O'ROURKE'S FAMILY PLANS FIRST EVER FUNDRAISING

**RUNNING EVENT THIS SATURDAY** 

The inaugural Sgt. Patrick J. O'Rourke 5.5K and Family Hero Fun Run will be this Saturday, Aug. 13 at 8:55 a.m. at Hartland High School. The run will go through "downtown" Hartland and will include the Sgt. Patrick O'Rourke Memorial Highway, a stretch of Old U.S. 23 renamed in O'Rourke's honor. O'Rourke was shot and killed in the line of duty as a West Bloomfield police officer on Sept. 9, 2012. His badge number was 55, and 55 also means, "I'm OK!" in police 10-code. This is a timed 5K event. A Family Hero 1/4-Mile Fun Run will follow the 5.5K, around the Hartland High School track. The goal of this run is to celebrate first responders, who help keep communities safe. Profits from the event will be split among the Knights of Columbus #7418, the St. John Evangelist Fenton Outreach Program, Michigan Concerns of Police Survivors (MICOPS) and Fenton Area Public Schools Athletic Department. Pre-registration fee is \$30 with shirt, \$20 without shirt. Same day registration is \$35, \$25 without shirt. To register online, visit: https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Hart-

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### Police&Fire report

### GIRL'S BICYCLE STOLEN IN HOLLY

A 52-year-old Holly woman reported to Holly police on Aug. 5 at 8:30 p.m. that someone stole her daughter's bicycle, which was parked on the driveway near the rear of their house on Elm Street. The bicycle was described as a blue Huffy. There was also a lock around the bicycle with a green top to it. The bicycle was last seen at 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 5.

### LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, Aug. 5. The House and Senate held pro-forma sessions

this week with no votes. Therefore, this report continues its series of describing some of this year's interesting or noteworthy bill introductions.

#### Senate Bill 718 and House Bill 5284: Mandate school music classes

Introduced by Sen. Curtis Hertel, Jr. (D) and Rep. Erika Geiss (D), to require that public schools provide children in grades K-5 with 90 minutes of music instruction a week, taught by an instructor who has particular academic credentials specified in the bill. SB 718 would impose a quota of one of these instructors for every 400 children in a school, and in HB 5284, the quota would be one for every 650. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

#### Senate Bill 720 and House Bill **5232: Tighten process for imposing** "historic district" property owner restrictions

Introduced by Sen. Peter MacGregor (R) and Rep. Chris Afendoulis (R), to revise the procedure for establishing or eliminating local "historic districts, whose appointed boards have the power to restrict the improvements that property owners may make to their buildings and land. The bill would require two-thirds of the property owners in the affected area to give preliminary approval before the process of creating a district could be initiated, and a majority of voters in the community would have to approve it in an election before the district's restrictions could be imposed. The bill would also put a 10year sunset on these restrictions, which could be renewed only by another vote of the people. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

### Senate Bill 741: Revise healthcare facility rationing ("Certificate of Need")

Introduced by Sen. Rick Jones (R), to revise the state "Certificate of Need" (CON) program, which rations the availability of health care facilities and technology. The bill would remove cone-beam dental imaging equipment from the list of items for which a company must get government approval before it can be installed in a Michigan facility. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

### Senate Bill 780: Make particular symbol the "emblem" of fallen service members

Introduced by Sen. Tonya Schuitmaker (R), to establish in statute that a symbol created by a particular private organization ("Honor and Remember, Inc.") is the state's official emblem for armed service members killed in the line of duty, and no other private organization's symbol. Senate Bill 781 would give this group the privilege of raising money through state specialty license plate sales. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

#### Senate Bill 810: Ban concealed pistol permit to people on federal terrorist watch list

Introduced by Sen. Rebekah Warren (D), to prohibit an individual on a federal terrorist watch list from getting a concealed pistol permit. Use of this list for other purposes has been criticized due to its high number of names that are reportedly false positives. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

#### Senate Bill 811: Permit surrogate mother contracts

Introduced by Sen. Rebekah Warren (D), to permit "gestational surrogate parentage" contracts. A 1988 law banned all surrogate mother contracts that require a woman to "relinquish her parental or custodial rights" to a child she bears whether she conceived the child or an embryo was implanted. The proposed new law would permit the latter — contracting for a woman to bear and relinquish an implanted child to whom she is not related — subject to various conditions specified in the bill and with the approval of a court in advance. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

#### House Bill 5307: Expand school vision testing

Introduced by Rep. Amanda Price (R), to require public schools to give vision screening exams to all students in grades 3, 6 and 8. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

#### House Bill 5316: Close schools used as presidential polling place on election day

Introduced by Rep. George T. Darany (D), to allow schools that are used as polling places for a presidential primary election to close on election day without this counting against the number of days that current law requires them to be in session. See also House Bill 5153, introduced by Democratic Rep. George T. Darany, which would automatically close all schools used as polling places on any election day. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

#### House Bill 5353: Borrow \$1 billion for water, sewer and other infrastructure projects

Introduced by Rep. Andy Schor (D), to place before voters in the November general election a proposal to borrow \$1 billion for unspecified infrastructure improvements to water and sewer systems, and also other purposes such as improvements to government buildings. The state would commit its full faith and credit to repaying this

additional debt. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

### House Bill 5366: Impose new regulations on gas and oil "fracking"

Introduced by Rep. Sarah Roberts (D), to ban issuing any new permits for the extraction of natural gas or oil using the hydraulic fracturing process unless the legislature enacts a more restrictive regulatory, disclosure and public notice regimes described in the bill. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

### House Bill 5370: Impose "fracking" pollution presumption

Introduced by Rep. Julie Plawecki (D), to establish as a rebuttable presumption for legal liability, that any groundwater contamination "in the vicinity" of an oil or gas well using the hydraulic fracturing extraction process was caused by the chemicals used in that process. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

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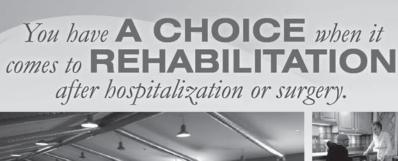
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Flag Code, half-staff

is largely an American

English term where

it distinguishes the

position and manner of

display as half-staff.

■If it seems more common now than ever before, you're right, it is

**By Sally Rummel** 

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

When you notice a flag is flying at half-staff, does your heart skip a beat for just a moment as you try to recall what national tragedy has recently placed this flag "in mourning?"

You may notice that there have been many Presidential Proclamations to fly the flag at half-staff so far in 2016, including the death of former First Lady Nancy Reagan and to honor the victims of attacks in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Nice, France; Dallas, Texas and Orlando, Florida.

The lowering of the U.S. flag has become a symbol of mourning for national tragedies and national disasters, from 9/11 to Hurricane Katrina, with the goal of unifying the country in times of tragedy.

Other reasons for lowering the flag to half-staff are more official, including certain holiday proclamations, like Peace Officers Memorial Day on May 15, Memorial Day (last Monday of May), Patriot Day on Sept. 11 and National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day on Dec. 7.

Interestingly, on Memorial Day the flag is only flown half-staff from sunrise until noon, and then is raised to full height from noon to sundown. This unique custom honors the war dead for the morning, and living veterans for the rest of the day, according to halfstaff.org.



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** I SUBMITTED PHOTO The U.S. flag flying at half-staff has become a symbol of mourning for national tragedies.

In the city of Fenton, Kelly Fletcher, deputy director of the Department of Public Works, handles the flag-raising and flag-lowering duties at city offices.

"Every morning I look at my alerts from the state website and American Flag Pole to see what's going on," said Fletcher. "The last three dates we've had the flag at half-staff have been July 8 (honoring victims of Dallas, Texas attacks), July 15 (honoring victims of

Nice, France attacks) and July 18 (honoring victims of Baton Rouge, Louisiana attacks)."

Only the U.S. President or state governor can order the flag to be flown at halfstaff to honor the death of a national or state figure, following this schedule:

- 30 days from the death of the President or a former President.
- 10 days from the day of death for: Vice President, Chief Justice of the U.S. or a retired Chief Justice, or Speaker of the House of

Representatives.

- Day of death until interment for: Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Secretary of an executive or military department; former Vice President, Governor of a state, territory or possession.
- Day of death and the following day for: a member of Congress.

There are also occasions when the flag will be lowered for significant figures who are not U.S. citizens, such as Nelson Mandela in 2013.

The custom of flags flying half-staff has become much more common now, with the amendment of the Flag Code in 2007 to include honoring members of the Armed Forces who die while on active duty.

Private citizens and non-government buildings may also choose to fly their flags at half-staff to honor local leaders.

The Flag Code doesn't exclude anyone from honoring deceased local citizens or local tragedies with a flag flying at half-staff. "The Flag Code is just a guide," said Courtnie Schuermann of Flagpoles Etc. in Holly. "It's not a law. You can fly your flag however you want."

The only argument some people may have against using the flag in this way is that too common usage takes away from the solemnity of the national meaning of flying a flag at half-staff.



### Art fun for all ages





TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SALLY RUMMEL

Ava Green, 5, of Bay City, was visiting local relatives last Friday and enjoyed making a 3D bug sculpture, spray art, face painting and making a clay art piece.

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and pleased with the

response from the

community. 77

Joan Horcha

President of Lakes Area Arts Council

## ■ 'Arts Are The Heart' family art program wrapped up first summer of events

#### **By Sally Rummel**

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

The final "Arts Are The Heart" event for this summer wrapped up on Friday,

Aug. 5, bringing interactive art events for all ages to downtown Fenton for the first time.

Events were held the first Friday of each month in June, July and August, sponsored by the

Lakes Area Arts Council (LAAC) and made possible by a generous grant from The Hagerman Foundation.

"We are very grateful and pleased with the response from the community," said Joan Horcha, president of LAAC. "Last Friday, a community participant at all three events told us that this is one of the best family art events to come to Fenton."

In addition to art exhibits inside the Fenton Community & Cultural Center, the Friday events included art camp for kids, plus outdoor Creation Stations for a variety

of art opportunities, including creative play, music and dance.

"The introduction of robotic and Lego art and the University of Michigan and Fenton Early Childhood creative pro-

grams were important components of the event," said Horcha. "We also had great comments about the Fenton Village Players and Fenton Community Orchestra performances."

## Police&Fire report

### **WATCH OUT FOR FAKE \$100 BILLS**

At 5:08 p.m. on Aug. 7, Fenton police responded to a retail store in the 18000 block of Silver Parkway to investigate possible counterfeit \$100 bills. An employee said a black male purchased multiple gift cards using a \$100 bill. The employee accepted the bill, but questioned whether it was real. The store's counterfeit pen did not indicate the bill was fake. The employee followed the man and watched as he entered a nearby grocery store. Three more \$100 bills

were reportedly passed there as well. Police inspected all of the bills and determined that they were counterfeit. A witness provided the license plate of the suspect's vehicle, which revealed a male and female with a Detroit area address. The car was described as a light silver or creamcolored Malibu. Lt. Jason Slater said the counterfeit pens many stores use do not always work and employees would be better off knowing all of the security features on paper currency. Color fliers can be printed and displayed at cash registers by going to secretservice.gov. The fake bills were turned over to the Secret Service and Fenton police will continue its investigation of the suspects.

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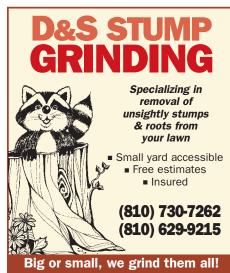
















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### **CRUST**

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what would prevent another business coming in after CRUST to do mechanical type manufacturing.

She was told the city wouldn't allow that to happen.

Councilwoman Cherie Smith cast the dissenting vote. Smith said she believes that granting such a request would be setting a precedent for more manufacturing and similar requests in the downtown area in the future.

Earlier this year, Hamel and Brennan announced plans to expand their popular bakery/eatery by another 8,500 square feet, bringing the total square footage to 12,500.

Once the building expansion is completed, another 50 employees will be added to their current staff of 70 over a two-year period.

These plans were discussed at a City Council meeting, when Hamel and Brennan requested a land swap whereby CRUST would get the land they need, a parcel that was leased from The State Bank for its customer parking.

In return, Hamel and Brennan would give the city property they own on Mill Street across from the Fenton Post Office.

The swap, if approved, would allow

CRUST to remain in downtown Fenton, according to Hamel.

"This seems to be our last ditch effort to stay downtown," Hamel said in April.

According to Assistant City Manager Mike Burns, CRUST asked for an Industrial Facility Tax Credit (Tax Abatement) for their expansion on the site.

"State statute allows this credit for manufacturing of baked goods," he added. "However, before that can be done, state statute requires that Industrial Facility Tax Credit can only be allowed for facilities inside an Industrial Development District.

"The only Industrial Development District in the city is the (Fenton Business and) Industrial Park," Burns said. "If City Council agrees to establish the district then they would need to consider CRUST's request for the Industrial Facility Tax Credit shortly thereafter."

After a second public hearing on Aug. 22, the Fenton City Council could vote to give CRUST a property tax break for one to 12 years.

Smith voted in favor of setting the public hearing.

She said, "I voted yes to set a public hearing for Aug. 22. It's important that residents know what's going on and they can voice their opinions publicly."

### HOT LINE CONTINUED

**DEAR CHICKEN OWNERS** around Germany Road area between Fenton and Tipsico, a fox is killing chickens. We're using an air/marine horn when we see it, so if you hear us, watch your chickens.

I WONDER IF, initially, Mr. Trump entered the presidential face because he was intrigued by the whole process. He may not even have wanted or expected to be chosen. Let's vote for him anyway and see what happens.

HAS ANYONE SEEN the park on Margaret Drive? I think it has been

GEORGE WASHINGTON SAID, 'Truth will ultimately prevail where there is pains taken to bring it to light.' Thanks Mr. Trump for speaking the truth to the ears that won't listen.

TRUMP FILED BANKRUPTCY in Atlanta. So what? GM filed bankruptcy. Should we stop buying Chevrolets? These are businesses. When you are losing money, when the cities are not helping their businesses that is all you can do. It is not a crime, it is simply a business choice.

### **FAÇADE**

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Properties, LLC for the improvements to what will become a taco stand in the front and speakeasy in the back at the Mill Street site.

At the June meeting, DDA Director Michael Burns acknowledged that the owners of this business have made significant investments in downtown Fenton and run highly reputable operations. He said there are some items that did not put them into compliance with the Façade Improvement Program guidelines.

The project is not in the targeted area where the DDA has focused their program. Additionally, Burns said he confirmed with Mike Reilly, building and zoning administrator, that the work on the proposed façade was already completed before seeking DDA approval.

"The DDA approved a façade improvement grant to Hamel-Brennan LLC in 2012 when CRUST opened after they completed the façade work," said Burns. "Our guidelines clearly state this is not allowed."

Chairman Craig Schmidt explained that the targeted area includes historic buildings on Shiawassee and LeRoy streets. The targeted area does not include Mill Street.

"Then why are we discussing this," asked Doran Kasper, who immediately made a motion, which was supported, to deny the request because the Hamel-Brennan LLC property is on Mill Street.

Kasper's motion failed in a 5 to 5 tie.

DDA member Roberta Sweetman said it bothers her that their board is bending the rules so much. "But we want a lot of people walking around our city, we want them on Caroline and on Mill Street," she said

Others, including Schmidt, agreed that the rules need to be changed and the DDA needs to quit making exceptions.

The Hamel-Brennan LLC façade grant request was tabled at that June meeting and discussed again at the July 19 meeting

During the July meeting, the DDA voted 6-1 in favor of approving a \$10,000 façade grant to Hamel and Brennan. Because Hamel is a member of the DDA, however, Burns said whatever the DDA decides regarding his business must go before the Fenton City Council and be voted on unanimously in order to be approved.

This week, Burns said he obtained a legal opinion on the matter. Although sec. 513 of the city charter does call for a unanimous council vote when members of other boards and commissions are involved, the DDA is a separate legal entity and not bound by sec. 513 of the city charter.

Burns said there is a requirement, however, that there has to be nine favorable DDA votes in order for the Hamel and Brennan request to be granted. There are 13 DDA members. Because there were only six favorable votes at the July 19 meeting, the matter will be addressed again at the Aug. 16 DDA meeting.

### **HOT LINE** CONTINUED

### A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT

perspective on Mr. Khan. His son was great but Mr. Khan works his law firm for immigration of Muslims and has done extensive writings on Sharia law. Also interesting that he removed his website after his DNC speech.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELO

David Judge of Milford Salvage moves wood to the pile for recycling in the second floor of 106 W. Shiawassee in Fenton on Monday, as Jovan Alford and Keion Spate (left) pry it off the walls. As much of the old building will be recycled as possible.

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### **SALVAGE**

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it delivered to those who will see that it's repurposed into furniture.

"They will be re-using the wood, either for making tables, chairs or other furniture," said Bruz, a Groveland Township resident formerly of Fenton.

"I've done a lot of historical houses over the last 35 years," said Bruz. Of the recent controversy surrounding the demolition of the house, he added, "I understand where people are coming from."

Bruz said he is glad something good is going to come of it.

Since it became public earlier this spring that the DDA intended to demolish the house, community members have spoken against the plan. They want to pre-

against the plan. They want to preserve the house and what's left of the history of downtown Fenton.

The age of the home and its historic nature came into question and became a topic of controversy. It was originally believed that it was a hotel built by Judge Daniel LeRoy and William Fenton in 1837.

It was later revealed that the house, after being dismantled and changed over the years, may have been torn down in 1901 and a short time later rebuilt to what

it is today.

Rochester Salvage is a spinoff of Bloomingdale Construction out of Rochester. It is owned by Robert "Bob" Bloomingdale.

Once the lumber is repurposed into furniture, it will be sold by stores like Gardner-White and Art Van. Blooming-

dale even sells some of it directly.

The cost to tear down the house is \$16,450, which includes asbestos abatement and demolition, said Bruz. The project began on Monday, Aug. 8 and will take about two weeks to complete.

Once the house is down, Milford Salvage will fill in the hole, grade the property, and put down seed and straw, Bruz said.

The DDA voted to tear down 106 West Shiawassee at its May meeting. DDA members spent a great deal of time disputing the historic value of it, talking about its deteriorated condition and what it would likely cost to bring it up to code.

During public comment, members of the audience spoke in favor of keeping the building in order to preserve what's left of the original downtown. Some referred to the 50 buildings destroyed during Urban Renewal in the mid-1970s and said they don't want to see that happen again.





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### Anita J. McNamara

Anita J. McNamara – age 93, formerly of Fenton and Holly, died peacefully in her sleep at her residence in Winter Park, FL on August 4, 2016. Per her wishes cremation has taken place. She will be interred at a later date at Great Lakes National Cemetery next to her loving husband Theodore "Ted". Survivors include her sister, Carol Hay of MI; children, Jim and Cindy of MI, Jeff and Helen of MI, Doug and Kristi of MN, Patrick of WV, Jayne Bish of FL; many nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed. Those wishing to remember Anita can make a donation in her name to the charity of their choice. www.dryer funeralhomeholly.com.







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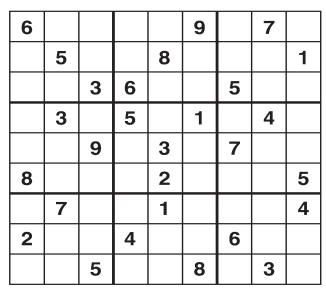
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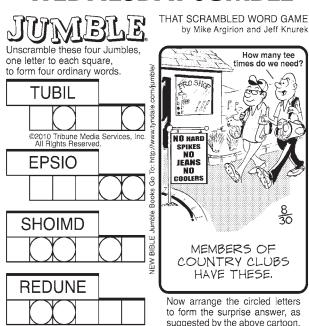


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> DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★ ★ ★ Moderate ★★ Challenging ★★★ HOO BOY!

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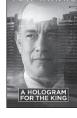
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### **HOLOGRAM FOR THE KING**

Director Tom Tykwer adapts Dave Eggers' best-selling

novel, in which an American businessman (Tom Hanks) travels to Saudi Arabia in an attempt to sell a holographic telecommunications system to the country's



king. Desperate to make the deal in order to stay afloat in a failing economy, he learns to navigate this unfamiliar culture with the help of a taxi driver (Alexander Black) and a local doctor (Sarita Choudhury). Ben Whishaw co-stars.

R, 1 hr. 30 min. Drama





(Audience score on rottentomatoes.com)

### **SEPTEMBERS OF SHIRAZ**

Based on true events, Septembers of Shiraz

follows a prosperous Jewish family whose lives are turned upside down in the wake of the 1979 Iranian Revo lution. When Isaac is sud-



denly arrested and taken to a secret prison, his wife is left to make sense of what has happened and must somehow secure Isaac's release and her family's

PG-13, 1 hr. 50 min. Suspense

### **HOROSCOPES**

### ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

A more harmonious aspect favors all relationships. Family ties with mates and children are strengthened. Libra is Cupid's choice to win the amorous Aries' heart

### TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The bold Bull is ready to take on fresh challenges. Expect some op-

position as you plow new ground but supporters will outnumber detractors

### GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

An upcoming job change could mean uprooting your family to a fardistant location. Weigh all considerations carefully before making a decision one way or the other.

### CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

A long-standing problem is resolved by a mutually agreed upon compromise. You can now focus on getting the facts you'll need for a decision you'll soon be asked to make

### LEO (July 23 to August 22)

The Big Cat needs to be wary of what appears to be a golden investment opportunity. That "sure thing" could turn out to be nothing more than a sack of Kitty Glitter.

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

You give of yourself generously to help others, but right now you must allow people to help you. Confide your problems to family and trusted friends.

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

Relationships benefit from a strong harmonious aspect. Things go more smoothly at work. Someone you thought you'd never see again asks for a reconciliation.

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

A minor distraction interferes with travel plans, but the delay is temporary. Meanwhile, expect to play peacemaker once again for feuding family members.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Keep that positive momentum go-

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ing on the home front. Arrange your schedule to spend more time with your family. You'll soon have news about that job change

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

Control that possessive tendency that sometimes goads you into an unnecessary display of jealousy. You could be creating problems where none currently exist

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

A new project holds some challenges you hadn't expected. But don't be discouraged; you'll find you're more prepared to deal with them than you realized.

### PISCES (February 19 to March 20)

Yours is the sign of the celestial Chemist, so don't be surprised if you experience a pleasant "chemistry" betwixt yourself and that new Leo in your life.

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