

Two new downtown buildings to break ground in early 2017

■ Horizon Building construction will likely not begin 'before the snow flies'

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They say all good things take time and it looks like it's going to take a little more time before ground-breaking on the Horizon Building takes place.

Although Kevin Johnson, owner of Rhoads and Johnson Construction,

had said they hope to break ground "before the snow flies this year," it is unlikely that will happen.

Fenton Building and Zoning Administrator Mike Reilly said building permits have not yet been requested.

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Though construction is unlikely to begin this year, plans for the new Horizon Building at Silver Lake Road and S. LeRoy Street are on track.



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Fenton Twp. Board approves \$2 million bond

■ Will cover costs to replace 57 old sewer lift stations

By Hannah Ball
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Fenton Twp. — The Fenton Township Board of Trustees voted to authorize the sale of a bond of up to \$2 million in order to replace or repair the lift stations in the sewer system.

Treasurer John Tucker said the 10-year bond should start early next year. They estimate they will start repairs in approximately nine months to a year.

"We're planning on spending that much. We've got some quotes for about \$1.7, \$1.8 (million)," Tucker said.

This money will go to replacing or repairing most or all of the 57 lift stations in the sewer system.

"When you look at how much we're spending to fix and patch — it's like

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Holly Dickens Festival



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The Holly High School marching band anchors the Holly Dickens Festival parade and the entertainment on Friday, Nov. 25. Here, Emily Sanders, 15, and Nick Weil, 14, wrap up the evening performing Christmas songs with the marching band. See **story on page 8**.



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The Fenton Township Fire Department responds to a fatal, two-vehicle crash on Old U.S. 23 and White Lake Road in Tyrone Township Tuesday morning.

Woman killed in Tuesday morning crash

■ Collision takes place at busy intersection of White Lake Road and Old U.S. 23

By Sharon Stone

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A Brighton woman was killed in a two-vehicle crash in Tyrone Township on Tuesday, Nov. 29 at approximately 9:35 a.m.

Deputies with the Livingston County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to the intersection of White Lake Road and N. Old U.S. 23 on the report of a two-vehicle

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Staying one step ahead of Christmas package thieves

■ Keep your deliveries safe and secure this holiday season

By Sally Rummel

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'Tis the season for USPS, UPS, FedEx and other delivery companies that are hard at work delivering packages you have ordered or sent.

Many people come home from work during this holiday season, expecting to

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“I think Hot lines are very therapeutic for the community. You can get your beef out and then forget it, or you can express your gratitude and happiness. Either way, it's just great. People mostly just want to be heard.”

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Motorists travel slowly down N. LeRoy Street in downtown Fenton on Monday at dusk during a rain shower.

Statistics show that three times as many fatalities take place at night

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If you're afraid to get behind the wheel at night, you have good reason. Night-time driving can be very dangerous, with fatalities on the road occurring at a rate three times greater at night than during the day, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Just about everyone experiences worse vision at night than in daylight, according to Dr. Scott McDowell of McDowell Eye Care in Fenton.

That just makes sense when you're driving in the dark, in a low contrast, dim environment. Your depth perception, ability to distinguish color and peripheral vision are all worse in low-light conditions. Add to that, your advancing age or your own vision limitations and it can be a prescription for dangerous driving.

"The higher your prescription, the more amplified your problem," said Juan Alvarado, O.D., of Fenton Vision Center.

"Even a low level of nearsightedness can hinder your driving, especially at night or in the rain."

"In general, when you're in a low contrast environment, you just aren't going to perform as well," he added. "The visual cues you have during the day, like markers, aren't there; all you see is road. It's not just your eyesight, it's also how well your brain can respond to cues."

McDowell sees a decline in night vision, and vision in general, in patients who are getting older. "This is mostly due to the physiologic changes that occur in an aging eye, but to some extent from changes in our tears, eyelids and brain. Research suggests a healthy diet and even physical exercise may slow these changes."

Many patients may need eyeglasses

only in low light conditions, like night driving or reading a menu in a restaurant with dim lighting. "If you already wear eyeglasses, a lens treatment called

anti-reflective coating improves night vision," said McDowell.

Here are some things you can do to improve your ability to drive at night:

- Aim your headlights forward, not pointed lower than necessary. Make sure to clean the road grime from your headlights often.
- Dim your dashboard lights and don't leave your map lights on.

• Don't wear yellow-tint sunglasses at dark. "People advertise yellow lenses to increase the contrast, but common sense will tell you that any tint will decrease the light coming into your eyes," said Alvarado. "In the black of night, a tint

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Looking at the illuminated screen, no matter how briefly, causes temporary bleaching of the light detecting cells in the retina, reducing your ability to see in the dark.

Dr. Scott McDowell
McDowell Eye Care

Stuck on the road?

■ Roadside assistance plans are cheap and will give you peace of mind in case of car trouble

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A \$20 bill may just be the most helpful money you could spend all year, and you might even get change back.

By adding roadside assistance onto your auto insurance, you can get help on the road if you're stuck with a dead battery, flat tire, empty gas tank or are locked out of your car.

Most Auto-Owners policies at Brad Hoffman Agency in Fenton cost between \$7 and \$20 per year, depending on the vehicle and coverage plan.

"Just call the toll-free towing number on your roadside trouble card if you're away from your home area, or use a towing company you know," said Kayce Durgan, licensed agent. "Just email or fax us your towing service receipt, and we'll turn it around within 24 hours."

Most auto insurers offer roadside policies, with some of the most popular plans including AAA, OnStar, All-State, AutoVantage, Paragon, BP Motor Club, to name a few.

If you're stuck on the roadway with car trouble of any kind, the National Safety Council advises you to gently and smoothly take your foot off the accelerator. Don't brake hard or suddenly. Carefully maneuver your vehicle toward the side of the road.

If you're on the highway, try to reach an exit. Signal your intentions

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Think varicose veins are just a cosmetic issue?

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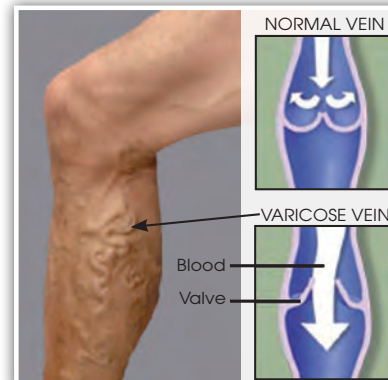


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If I Were King...

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Donald, watch the movie, 'Dave'

Even the left wing-nuts in Hollywood get it right once in a while. In 1993, they produced a movie called 'Dave,' a wonderful film that bears a striking resemblance to the situation that a divided America finds itself in today. The plot centers around a guy named Dave, an average citizen, who suddenly becomes the President of the United States.

When naïve, mild-mannered Dave Kovic (Kevin Kline) arrives home from work one day to find Secret Service agents in his living room, he thinks their visit must have something to do with his tax return. Much to his surprise, he finds they are there because he is almost a physical twin of Bill Mitchell, the President of the United States (also played by Kline), and is being called on to masquerade as him while the presidential staff determines whether the real president will ever recover consciousness from a stroke he suffered while in bed with someone other than his wife.

The president's scheming political handlers have plans for Dave to simply greet foreign dignitaries, throw out ceremonial baseballs and, of course, kiss some babies while they await the awakening of the real president. But Dave, after watching how dysfunctional Washington is, has a different plan.

After just a few weeks on the job, Dave brings in his personal CPA, Murray Blum (played by Charles Grodin), to take a look at the federal books. Dave wants to cut the budget by \$650 million.

In what I would consider the best scene in the movie, a frustrated Murray says to his client, 'I'll tell you Dave, I've been over this stuff a bunch of times and it just doesn't add up. Who does these books? If I ran my business this way, I would be out of business.'

Do you remember in the third presidential debate between Donald and Hillary when Ms. Clinton was poo-hooing the various revelations from WikiLeaks? She proudly made the statement that '17 security agencies have found that the Russians were

doing the hacking.' I don't recall Donald's response, but the usually-glib Trump should have asked her, 'Why in the hell do we have 17 different security agencies? And why are all 17 of them able to determine the Russians are doing this hacking, but not one of the 17 agencies can stop them from doing it?'

Most don't remember that in the mid-'90s, Republicans disbanded over 100 federal bureaus, agencies and commissions. No one ever complained and no one ever missed them. I suspect there are literally hundreds, if not thousands, more government agencies and bureaus that, were they to be eliminated, no one would ever miss.

My hope is that the election of Trump will provide the U.S. with the opportunity to clean up government. Get rid of what the feds should not be doing and focus on what it should be doing under our national Constitution.

Our government is a confused dysfunctional mess that does a poor job of serving its customers — us. It does almost nothing well. It's time for change — big change!

And Dave...um, I mean Donald, is just the guy to do it.

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“Our government is a confused dysfunctional mess that does a poor job of serving its customers — us”



FOSTER CHILDS

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IN THE WEDNESDAY, Nov. 23 Midweek Times, the two-page sports section has 15 pictures with over 50 women and girls. No boys, no men.

ARE YOU CONFUSED at the definition of 'popular vote?' Hillary Clinton won the popular vote and latest numbers show she has more than 2 million more votes than Donald Trump.

SOMETIMES IT IS not possible to separate moral values from religious teachings. Many religious people refuse to think beyond what they were taught in church. History tells us religious teachings are occasionally very wrong and sometimes unbelievably cruel.

IF I WERE gay, I wouldn't worry about Trump. I'd worry about God.

THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION made a turn to the hard right with his appointment of Betsy DeVos as his education secretary. Those of us who believe in public education and women's rights now know we are in for a very bad time.

IT'S THE END of November, after Thanksgiving. Does anyone else notice that all the Canada geese are flying north? I don't get it.

HEARD U of M had to open up a few more cry rooms after the game on Saturday. Good grief.

QUIT TRUSTING IN money and things of this world. They are temporary. Trust in God and your future, that's eternal, which means forever and ever

SOMEBODY SHOULD CONVINCE the blacks that black lives matter.

TO THE NICE people I met in the Walmart parking lot trying to get that 60-inch television in their car, I hope you got it home safe and you're very nice people.

I DIDN'T KNOW whether to laugh or be extremely worried when I heard someone call John Wilkes Booth a liberal in the Hot lines.

I MAY BE wrong, but I believe that the United States became involved in Vietnam in the Eisenhower administration not in the Johnson administration.

DO YOU THINK you can tell me when to turn on the lights on my indoor tree? Well you can just kiss my Aspen.

IT IS AMAZING that the Hillary haters are able to completely ignore the shady deals and lies in which Trump is involved in.

WHY WOULD VETERANS hate Obama so much? He's not the one who took us into two unfunded wars that have lasted nearly 15 years and put American lives in jeopardy. I'd think they'd be happier with H.W. Bush.

LIBERALS ARE CRYBABIES? What about the Republicans who decided they were going to stonewall Obama for the last four years? They stopped everything he tried to do. They wouldn't consider his nomination for the Supreme Court even though they said it was somebody they said they could support.

I CAN'T STAND these new roundabouts. One person had the idea and now everybody jumps on the bandwagon.

ISN'T IT ABOUT time we stopped doing the political Hot lines? I've listened to Obama whiners the past eight years and stupid political comments the past two years and now that the election is over there's just as many as ever.

LIBERALS ARE AT it again, in their words, by not accepting the choice of the people is 'horrible' and a 'threat to our democracy.' I thought they were educated.

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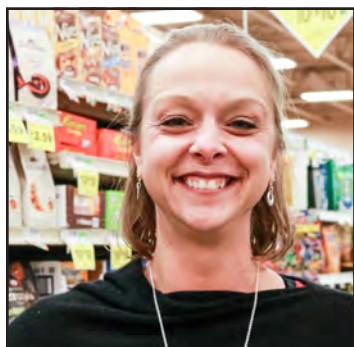
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What was the best deal you got on Black Friday?



"Jeans over at Glik's."

—Jessica Hebda
Linden



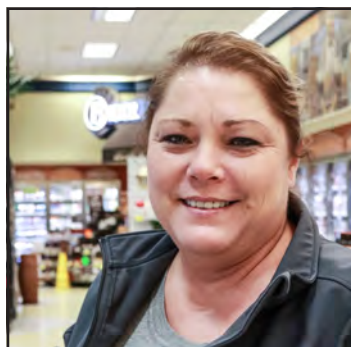
"BareMinerals, I got their doorbuster for \$17.50."

—Nancy Scott
Fenton



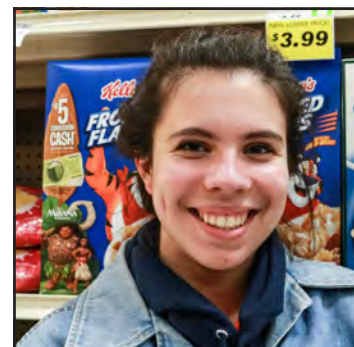
"I got two kayaks, \$150 each, at Dunham's."

—Erin Hossack
Fenton



"With Lane Bryant there was 50 percent off of the whole store."

—Carrie Carrier
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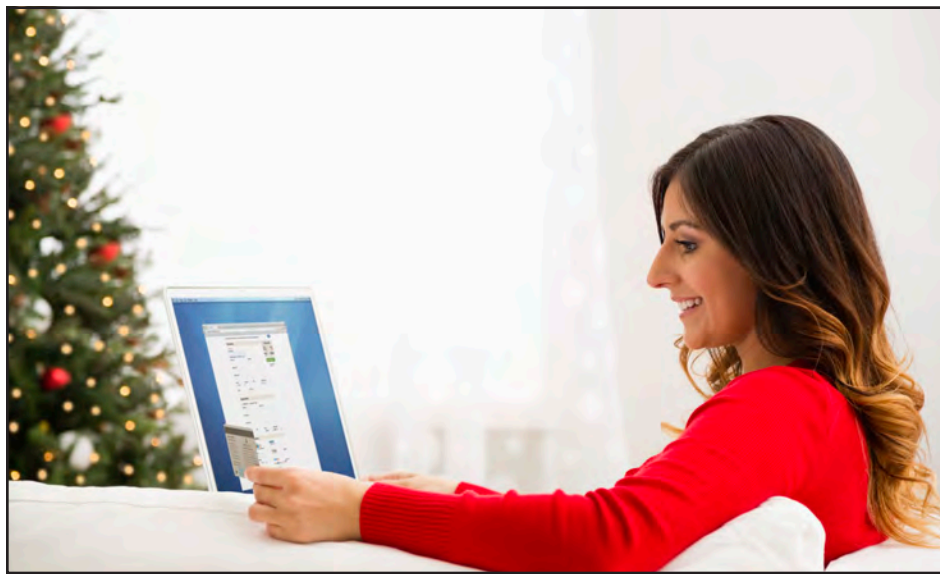


"At American Eagle they had sweaters and flannels for \$25 each."

—Payton Kosak
Fenton

streettalk

How to shop safely online



■ One in four holiday shoppers are victims of a hack

By Hannah Ball

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According to the National Retail Federation, an estimated 122 million Americans shopped online on Cyber Monday, which is the Monday after Black Friday.

Online shopping is easy, but it's not always the safest.

One in four holiday shoppers have been a victim of a hack in the past 12 months, according to CNET, which tracks the latest consumer technology breakthroughs.

Here are some tips from USA Today on how to shop safely online.

Don't use public wireless networks

In short, don't use them. When you use public Wi-Fi at a store or cafe, the passwords you use to log into online sites are at risk. Hackers can infect your phone with malware and siphon off passwords and account information, including credit card numbers.

The safest Wi-Fi to use is your own.

Check origin of online holiday card

Online holiday cards are an easy way to trick unsuspecting people. They'll include links to a virtual card or an online blog, and some hackers use them as a way to put a virus on someone's computer.

Make sure you know who sent the card and verify with that family before clicking on any links.

Use different passwords

Using the same password for every online account may make it easier to remember, but it makes it easier for hackers to get into every account. Hackers keep

lists of all the emails, IDs, and passwords they've stolen, and can rent those lists out.

If you have trouble remembering your passwords, try using a password management program.

Don't trust websites with typos

Fake online sites are also an issue. Web pages that look exactly like Target or Walmart fool online shoppers into "buying" items.

These sites are easily spotted because they have typos, or don't come up easily when you search for that certain store. The first few links that come up on Google when you search for a store should be safe.

Don't share credit card number

Many sites, like Amazon, will offer to keep your credit card information on file so you don't have to enter it every time you buy something. If online sites are hacked and that information is on file, those hackers now have your credit card number.

Do not favor convenience over privacy.

Keep track of statements

Frequently check your bank account online to see if there are any unwanted charges. If there are any unusual charges that you don't remember making, call your credit card company and cancel your card.

Keep track of delivery notices

Have you ever gotten a package delivery notice for something you didn't order? That email is probably a hoax, trying to get you to click on a link that could give your computer a virus in order to steal information.

Keep track of when your packages are supposed to be delivered, and only open emails and click on links from sites you've done business with.

Fenton's favorite Irishman dies at 79

■ Patrick Carmody of Fenton Township made everyone smile

By Vera Hogan

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Patrick Joseph Carmody, 79, of Fenton Township died on Sunday, Nov. 27.

The former Fenton Township trustee and treasurer will be remembered for his big smile and quick wit.

Carmody was born in Chicago at 11:53 p.m. on March 16, 1937, just eight minutes shy of St. Patrick's Day. He was named for his paternal grandfather, who emigrated from Ireland to Chicago.

"Patrick Carmody was a man who loved and cared for all. He served as a Fenton Township trustee from 2003 to 2004 and treasurer from 2004 to 2008," said Fenton Township Supervisor Bonnie Mathis. "During his time on the Fenton Township Board, Patrick proved himself to be very knowledgeable and would always follow through with any task or project with which he was faced."

"Patrick always treated his fellow township officials and township staff as family and I feel fortunate to have worked with him. I consider Patrick to be a very special friend. I will miss him greatly but will treasure his memory."

Will Stiverson of Fenton served on the Fenton Township Board of Trustees with Carmody for about a year in the early 2000s. They both ran for treasurer, a seat that Carmody won.



Patrick Carmody

"Despite our past political differences, I never lost respect for Pat," said Stiverson. "He had a big heart for the township, a willingness to serve and a deep devotion to his wife, Virginia, and their family".

In 2006, Carmody was named "Irish Father of the Year" by the Flint Chapter of the Ancient Order of the Hibernians. Carmody was a member of the Hibernians for about 25 years.

Carmody was in the U.S. Air Force Reserve from 1959-1962 and honorably discharged for severe arthritis when called back to serve during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

He worked 41 years, mostly in executive position and was a member of numerous professional organizations.

Carmody was a long-time member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church of Fenton, where he served as a Eucharistic minister, a reader, lector and was past president of the Pastoral Council. He had been active in the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) and many other parish functions. He also was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Carmody once said, "Each day I wake up and say, 'God, make my day, please make my day so that I might make someone else's.' If we would think about other people and place our problems in God's hands, I believe within a course of time all our problems would be solved."

Carmody is survived by his wife, Virginia, two children and five grandchildren.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church (see obituary in this edition for more information).

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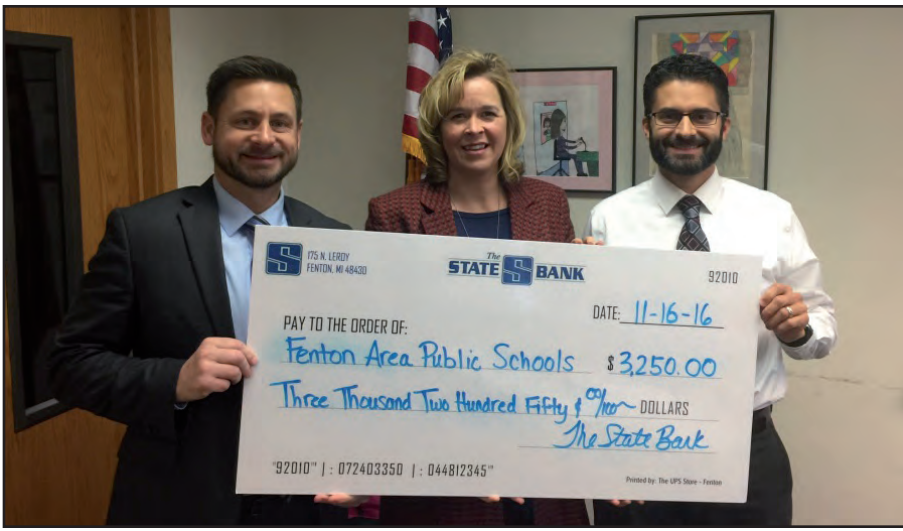
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Shown holding their \$3,250 check from The State Bank are (from left) Adam Hartley, superintendent of Fenton Area Public Schools, Heidie Ciesielski, principal at AGS Middle School and Barry Tiemann, principal at State Road Elementary.

The State Bank raises \$13,000 through 'Change for Kids' program

The State Bank is honored to announce another successful year for its "Change for Kids" program. The program supports the low to moderate income children and families in six local school districts, including Linden, Fenton, Holly, Grand Blanc, Lake Fenton and Brighton.

For the 2016-2017 school year, The State Bank was honored to present Linden Community Schools, Fenton Area Public Schools, Lake Fenton Community Schools, and Holly Area Schools with \$3,250 each.

The schools are free to use these funds as they see fit for children in need. Change for Kids began in response

to a need to assist low- and moderate-income families.

"We especially want to provide the funding to meet the physical and educational needs of those children," said The State Bank Senior Vice President, Stacey Webb. "We also want to provide the educational supplies needed to be a successful student, such as pencils, paper, markers, binders, backpacks and other necessities. These materials provide the foundation so that students can concentrate on their educational goals."

To date, the Change for Kids program has raised more than \$79,000 for local schools.

Age gap does affect sibling relationships

■ Study: firstborn children often take charge, fill in for parents as caregivers

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Many parents have their second child right after having their first, and others have children more than a decade after their first born.

Scientists have found that the age gap between siblings affects their relationship with their sibling and parents.

Children who are closer in age usually have a closer relationship, according to education.com.

For one Fenton woman and her sister, that's true.

Stephanie Munro, 32, and her sister are 13 months apart. "As small children we were inseparable. My mom dressed us like twins and we did everything together," she said.

In middle school and high school, they did not get along that much. They shared everything, were on the same cheerleading squad, and Munro said they were often competitive.

Now, she said they're best friends.

"We have children around the same ages and we talk daily and see each other weekly," she said.

Munro believes the small age gap between them affected their relationship. She also has a sibling who's four years older.

"Our relationship is opposite as we were close through grade school but now aren't as close," she said. "Love her to death but I don't talk to her nearly as much as my sister who is close in age to me."

One the opposite side, Linden resident, Nicole Carter, has three kids with big age gaps—17-year-old Cameron Ruscoe, 7-year-old Reese Carter, and 2-year-old Cal Carter.

"Honestly, it's actually really great. He's (Cameron) great with his sister and brother. He loves them," she said. "My 7-year old will get annoyed with my 2-year-old. They get in little tiffs but she adores him as well and he adores her."

A University of Notre Dame study

on birth spacing and sibling outcomes found that younger siblings were more likely to accept direction from a sibling that is four years older than one that is just two years older.

Carter added having a 2-year-old around the house is good "birth control" for Cameron.

She said it can be challenging while on vacation to pick activities suitable for everyone, and their schedule can be hectic with activities.

"It's challenging to take them to events. I think that's normal," she said.

Here's how the age gap between siblings affects their lives.

Relationship between siblings

According to education.com, first-born children often become the sibling who takes charge and acts as surrogates for their parents as caregivers, teachers, and models, and they enjoy the greater status/power position.

This difference becomes more profound as the age gap between siblings increases for at least up to four years.

The University of Notre Dame found that with each year between siblings, the higher the test scores for the older sibling.

The study also found that parents spend significantly more time with first-

born than second-born children, which translates into less time spent reading to the younger child and lower reading test scores.

Health

Increased birth spacing is healthier for the mom and child. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) found that greater spacing increases the chance of women achieving healthy pregnancies and safe births, with the saying, "three to five saves lives."

According to the University of Notre Dame study, it's estimated that second-born children conceived within 12 months of a previous birth are three times as likely to be diagnosed with autism than those conceived more than 36 months after a previous birth.

Conceiving less than half a year after delivery increases the risk of preterm birth, low birth weight, and fetal death, according to Today.com.

“My 7-year old will get annoyed with my 2-year-old. They get in little tiffs but she adores him as well and he adores her.”

Nicole Carter
Linden woman

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Recounts in Michigan

Two days ago the Michigan Board of State of Canvassers certified the results of the 2016 Presidential election, which resulted in Donald Trump winning by a margin of 10,704 votes over second place finisher Hillary Clinton. Although this isn't a large difference, it is the closest percentage margin of victory in state history.

Other candidates received far fewer votes including Green Party Candidate Jill Stein.

All of the candidates on this year's ballot have the right to file a petition with State Bureau of Elections within two days of the certification and it is reported that Jill Stein will be exercising her right to do so. She has already filed a recount request in Wisconsin and has announced her intention to also seek one in Pennsylvania. Much has already been written about all of this, which I won't repeat here except to say that every state's recount procedures are different. In Michigan, we are guided by both specific statutes as to how to go about the process and accompanying Administrative Rules to ensure the recount itself is done correctly.

The statutes include requiring certain grounds for recounts, recount fees, deadlines and timelines, the allowance of objections by other candidates to a recount, and the possibilities of a manual tally of ballots or having it done by computer or a combination. The Administrative Rules govern how the tallying process is to physically be performed and monitored.

Recounts aren't new to Michigan and an interesting historical example of this is seen in the 1950 race for governor between Republican and former Governor Harry Kelly and then Governor and Democrat G. Mennen "Soapy" Williams. The final election results were the closest in Michigan gubernatorial race history with Gov-

ernor Williams winning by 1,154 votes. A recount was demanded, but when it was in progress and Governor Williams lead was growing, it was called off.

By all accounts, these two men had great respect for each other not only as political opponents, but also as veterans of two different wars. Some say this was a gentler time.

What is also interesting is the fact that later in their lives they both became Michigan Supreme Court Justices.

As for today and the future, let us hope all goes well.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

BILL CLINTON RAMRODDED

NAFTA through. He did everything he could to get it through. He made special promises to different state senators. It bit big time.

I KNOW THAT these tight leggings are in style, but let's be honest. Only about 20 percent of the population can get away with it. Be your own person and wear what looks good on you, not just what is popular.

I THOUGHT JIM Harbaugh was an embarrassment to the university after the Saturday game.

I GUESS IT is a benefit of those big, blue recycling bins that they really aggravate your nosy neighbors who try to peek in your recycling bin and see what you've been doing all week.

TRUMP SUPPORTERS GOT duped by a narcissist. He has already broken his promises before being sworn in. Your misguided anger put all of us in danger.

MY NEIGHBOR BEHIND me is helping with my Consumers bill. His garage light is pointed right at my kitchen and lights it up like a prison yard all night long.

ELIMINATE THE U.S. Senate? For those who think we should eliminate the Electoral College, ask yourself why we have a U.S. Senate. Both the Electoral College and U.S. Senate are in place to provide representation to the states as required in the Constitution.

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SAY A PRAYER for Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

Fifth book on Fenton's colorful history released

■ Bob Harris's latest work covers 1956-1959

By Vera Hogan

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When asked how long he would be writing books on Fenton history, Robert "Bob" Harris said "Until I'm done or until I'm gone."

Harris is 93 years old.

A veteran U.S. Marine officer, former college professor, and former successful business owner, Harris said he has always been interested in writing.

Having the writing "bug" and no longer having to go to any office, Harris researched the library to see what had been written about Fenton. "Largely it was about the 1800s, so I decided to do a newspaper research book about my FHS years 1937-1941," he said in a previous interview. "Then I had to do a follow-up on the War years 1942-1946, etc."

Now he's finished 1955 to 1959 and is already researching for his next book.

"God willing, I will run out the century," he said.

Harris's book series is called "The

Village Players." The latest is "In The Late 1950s." The cover of his latest book features a photo of Fenton Mayor Harry Lemen, who served as the city's first mayor when it became a city in 1964.

Lemen, whose legacy lives on with a city street bearing his name, was born in 1895 in Hartland. He was orphaned at the age of 6. After his parents died, he lived with his uncle in a three-story log cabin on Lake Fenton.

"He was best known as the proprietor of Lemen's Market in downtown Fenton," said Harris.

In his prologue, Harris writes, "The latter part of the '50s decade found the people in Fenton, not unlike much of the nation, experiencing a period of peace and prosperity. The fighting in Korea had ended and the young men of military draft age were thinking more about girls, college, girls, a good job, sports and girls."

To read more, Harris's latest book and his four previous books can be purchased at the A.J. Phillips Museum in Fenton and Fenton's Open Book, who carry all of his works. The books are also available as ebooks at amazon.com.



Bob Harris

News briefs

Sweet Variations to host grand reopening, Christmas Open House this Saturday, Dec. 3

Life just got sweeter in Fenton. Sweet Variations, purveyors of fine handmade chocolates, voted Best Candy Store in 2015 and 2016, has settled into their new expanded store at 14280 N. Fenton Rd. and is celebrating with a combination grand reopening and Christmas Open House on **Saturday, Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.** There will be specials on candy and Christmas décor with treats, drawings, and a chance to play the Beanboozled game and discuss all things "Jelly Belly" with a company representative from the Jelly Belly candy company from 12 to 3 p.m. Call (810) 750-9799 with any questions or directions. Sweet Variations' new location is in the same parking lot as Sagebrush Cantina restaurant.

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AMERICA IS NEITHER a white nation nor a Christian nation. We have religious freedom, which allows you to practice Christianity as well as Islam. All are welcome.

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OUR NEW ELECTRIC 'smart' meters, after hearing from an electrician friend on just how bad they are for us, are radiation exposure five to six times an hour as they talk to your neighbors' smart meter. I'm surprised there isn't more of an uproar about them?

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I'M GLAD TO see 'Roots' is on. Everyone should have their children watch it.

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THREE MILLION ILLEGALS voted for Hillary. Her popular vote is only two million. She has a way to go before she is even with Trump. He crushed her in the electoral college.

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OBAMA TERMINATED 'OPERATION Phalanx,' because it was too efficient. Operation Phalanx provided aerial surveillance on the southern border of the United States to catch illegal border crossers.

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ONLY HYSTERICAL LIBERALS expect a wall, repeal of Obamacare and Clinton in prison. Common sense Trump supporters know better. As long as he seriously addresses immigration, healthcare reform and corruption, he has kept his word. No promises broken.

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Tri-county fundraisers

Olds Newsboys of Flint fundraiser at Fenton Moose Lodge

On **Saturday, Dec. 3**, the Fenton Moose Lodge at 2245 Sonora Drive in Fenton Township is hosting an event to benefit the Old Newsboys of Flint. The party kicks off at 6 p.m. with music by the band, "Rodeo Drive." There will be a silent auction, a 50/50 raffle, and there will be pasta and salad. Suggested entry donation of \$20 will sponsor a child for Christmas. "This event gives people a chance to have fun, while contributing to a worthy cause," said Old Newsboys Executive Director Christopher Hamilton. Proceeds from this event will provide Christmas boxes to needy children in Genesee County. The Old Newsboys of Flint also will be selling their annual newspaper in December. The Old Newsboys have put presents under the tree for over 800,000 children across Genesee County. Last year alone, 6,436 children received gifts from the Old Newsboys.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Dickens Fest 2016 kicks off in the rain

■ **Wet weather doesn't dampen spirits at lighted parade, marching band performance**

By Tim Jagielo

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Holly — Multi-colored lights gave shape to the drizzling rain, and fogged breath of 300 visitors who came out for the annual Holly Dickens Festival Friday evening.

Despite the damp weather, the 2016 Holly Dickens Festival kicked off with solid attendance to the annual parade, and marching band performance. Highlights also featured family, individual and business of the year announcements.

Festival board member and evening emcee Richard Kinnamon was nervous about attendance before the event. "I was

impressed with the number of people who came out with the rain."

Police Chief Michael Story estimated between 300 and 500 were there for the event, whether huddled under umbrellas, or watching the parade from their car.

Jessica Pigott came down from Flushing Township with her 6-year-old son. "It's really cool and the kids love it," she said. "We enjoy it. It's a nice time to get together."

After the parade, Kinnamon announced the individual, family and business of the year awards. The 2016 business of the year is N. Reding and Sons LLC, owned by Beth and Jeremy Domanik. The organization of the year is The Women of the Moose, and the individual of the year is Tony Engelberg.

Jenna Veda and Tracy Taylor performed Christmas songs, as did the Holly High School marching band.

Children were also able to see Santa Claus, the star of the parade.

The festival runs this coming weekend, and next weekend. Go to hollydickensfestival.org for a complete schedule.

WATCH THE VIDEO



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Tri-county fundraisers

Tin Can Raffle

The Lake Fenton Music Boosters is hosting its third annual Tin Can Raffle, this Friday, Dec. 2, from 4 to 9:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Lake Fenton High School. Music and band performances will also be a festive part of the activities. Guests place tickets they purchase into one of about 200 tin cans with the hopes of winning that donated prize. It's similar to a silent auction, however the tickets they place within the cans are just 50 cents, \$1 or \$2 each, depending on the value of the item. Fundraising goals for this year include sending each high school band member to Florida with Disney Dining Funds when the band travels to Walt Disney World over spring break to perform on Main Street in the Magic Kingdom.



Calendar of events

Looking for something festive and fun to do this weekend?

Holiday Happenings/Jinglefest will kick-off the Christmas season in Linden and Fenton this weekend. The fun starts in Linden on Friday, Dec. 2, from 6 to 9 p.m. with a 6 p.m. Lighted Frosty Parade, 7:15 p.m. Frosty Fireworks and festive events until 9 p.m. Breakfast with Santa will be Saturday, Dec. 3 at Hyatt Elementary, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Fun continues with Jinglefest in Fenton with Brunch with Santa at 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center. Jingle Jog will kick off afternoon activities at 3 p.m., including ice sculptures, entertainment tents, Live Nativity at Fenton United Methodist and more. Lighted Parade at 6 p.m. will be followed by Tree-Lighting, kids' activities, and more, plus a Holiday Fireworks Display.

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Supreme Court cases that changed the definition of free speech in America

By Hannah Ball

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The freedom of speech stated in the first amendment of the United States Bill of Rights does not give Americans rights to say whatever they want.

The Supreme Court, the highest court in the U.S., has decided many cases that deal with what constitutes “free speech.”

Speech isn’t always “free” when dealing with certain exemptions like creating danger, obscenity, expressing political and social views, banned books, hate crimes, and many others.

The “clear and present danger” standard often comes up when talking about free speech. This standard, which sets the test for determining if words create a clear and present danger, has been referenced and re-interpreted in many court decisions.

In 1919, Justice Oliver Holmes stated his famous quote about falsely shouting “fire” in a theatre in the Schenck v United States case.

This case reaffirmed the convictions of defendants who handed out leaflets comparing military conscription to involuntary servitude during wartime. The court found they violated certain federal statutes by attempting to incite subordination in the armed forces.

Cases often go to the Supreme Court when they deal with freedom of speech or expression and war.

In **Tinker v Des Moines Independent Community School District in 1969**, a few students were expelled for wearing black armbands to school in protest of the Vietnam War. The court held that their constitutional rights are not suspended just because they’re at school, and that they have the right to express political and social views.

In another case involving free speech at school, **Bethel School District v Fraser in 1987**, a student was suspended for three days because he gave a speech that included obscenity. He claimed the school violated his right to free speech.

The Supreme Court held that the first amendment does not protect obscenity in school speeches.

The court has struggled with what can

be defined as “obscene,” and in 1973 the justices decided on the Miller test.

In **Miller v California, the owner of a mail-order business** specializing in pornography, sent out advertising for books and film that showed sexual activity. He took the case all the way to the Supreme Court and argued his material was protected under free speech.

The court ruled it was not. While Miller lost, the court wrote the Miller test, which are three criteria to determine

if certain material is obscene—if an average person would consider the material appealing to inappropriate interests, if it describes sexual conduct in offensive ways, and it, the work lacks literary, artistic, political or scientific value.

Certain offensive acts of freedom of

speech are protected by the constitution, however.

In the infamous 1989 case of **Texas v Johnson**, the Supreme Court ruled that the government could not stop citizens from burning the American flag as a way of political protest. The court found it was a form of free speech and protected under the first amendment.

Cross burning has also been an issue. In **R.A.V. v St. Paul** in 1992, a few teenagers burned a cross on a black family’s lawn and were charged with a criminal ordinance, which prohibits the display of a symbol which “arouse anger, alarm, or resentment in others on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, or gender.”

The Supreme Court held that the ordinance was invalid because it prohibits speech on the basis of the subjects the speech addresses. The first amendment does not allow government to punish speech and expressive conduct because it disapproves of the ideas expressed.

The Supreme Court has routinely voted against limiting what’s considered hate speech.

In **Snyder v Phelps in 2011**, the **Westboro Baptist Church** picketed the funeral of Lance Corporal Matthew Snyder, who was killed in Iraq. The court upheld the church’s right to picket.

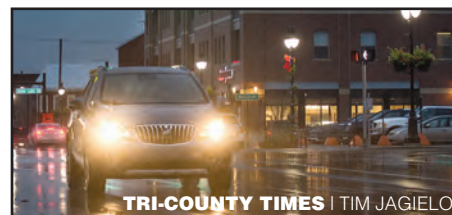
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NIGHT DRIVING

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will cut down your vision.”

- Watch out for animals, especially on dark, country roads. You can often see the reflection of your headlights in an animal’s eyes before you see the animal itself. Slow down as quickly as you can.
- Don’t stare at oncoming lights. Bright lights can seriously disrupt your concentration at night.
- Wipe your windshields and make sure your wiper blades are in top working order.
- Fire up fog lights. They spread wider than typical low beams, so they can help you see farther beyond the road’s shoulder.
- Clean dirty mirrors, because they will reflect lights from cars behind you in a wider, diffused shape that can produce glare.



- Aim exterior mirrors downward just slightly, keep other car’s headlights out of your eyes. Switch your inside rear-view mirror to Night or Auto Dim setting, which darkens the mirror to prevent glare.
- See your eye doctor. Changes in your ability to see in the dark may be an early symptom of a serious eye problem, like cataracts, glaucoma, macular degeneration or a vitamin A deficiency.

PACKAGE THIEVES

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find packages on their doorstep that they have ordered.

But the joy of receiving may be stolen this time of year by package thieves, who go onto peoples’ property and steal those packages before they ever make it safely inside.

According to a report Tuesday on the NBC Nightly News, more than 23 million Americans have lost packages to thieves.

While these events aren’t as common in small communities as they are in large cities, safe, secure package delivery is still an issue for many people this holiday.

So what is a consumer to do?

First, make sure to require a signature on all package deliveries.

A delivery company will make three attempts to deliver, first by leaving a tag at the door saying they were there, giving you a place to come and pick up the package, re-delivering it or giving the recipient a tag they can sign authorizing the delivery company to leave the package, according to Mike Clabuesch of Goin’ Postal in Fenton.

“After three days, they’ll send the package back to the shipper,” said Kathy Byers, of The UPS Store in Fenton.

You can also write specific instructions for the delivery company as to where to leave a package. In the case of UPS, drivers can add this information to their handheld computer, so they know to leave a package behind the shed, or by the side door of the garage.

Another option is to rent a mailbox at a local postal business, where your

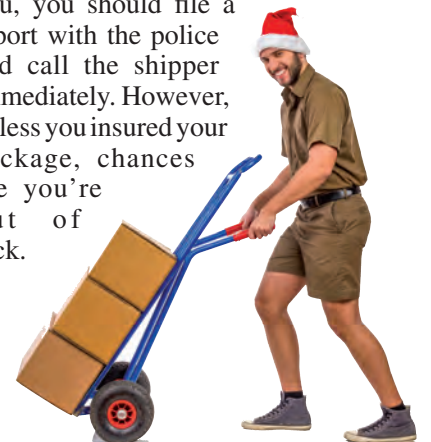
packages can be safely delivered. These mailboxes are available at both Goin’ Postal and The UPS Store in Fenton.

Clabuesch emphasizes the importance of having a package sent to a secure address. “You can have a private mailbox here where packages can be delivered. It’s a physical address, as opposed to a post office box, where delivery companies like FedEx and UPS won’t deliver.”

Byers also suggests that shoppers can have packages sent to their workplace, or a relative’s home or neighbor who is home during the day.

Smart technology is another way to thwart package thieves. You can install a video doorbell, a “smart” garage that you can open and close from a distance when a package is delivered or you can use a sensor device like The Package Guard. This device sits on your front porch and notifies you when you receive a package and when it is removed from your doorstep. You can also include your neighbors so they can pick up your package when you are away.

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BUILDINGS

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This week Johnson said, "Things are going well, just still working through all of our due diligence and planning. We are still working hard."

Rhoads and Johnson Construction of Fenton, the builders for the Horizon Building, has Planning Commission approval to build a multi-use building on the northwest corner of Silver Lake Road and South LeRoy Street.

The total square footage of the building is 23,000. The first floor will accommodate retail tenants, while the second and third floors will be offices, according to Johnson.

The exact cost of the project has not yet been determined, but it is accurate to say it will be a multi-million dollar venture, according to Johnson.

The project is expected to create 50 to 100 construction jobs and the same number from businesses within the building. Johnson assured city officials that they will do everything to make sure construction has no impact on traffic.

Cornerstone 2

Further south, ground-breaking on the second Cornerstone building on S. LeRoy Street is expected to take place in the spring.

Corlin Builders is constructing the \$6.8 million project. It will feature four stories for a total of 40,400 square feet. Floors one through three will feature 10,780 square feet of space and the fourth floor 9,460 square feet.

Two terraces proposed at each end of the building on the fourth floor make up the remaining square footage. The total overall square footage is 41,800.

Like the first Cornerstone building, at Silver Lake Road and S. LeRoy Street, the first floor of the second building will feature five retail spaces. The second floor will be offices, and the third and fourth floors will feature condominiums.

Ghassan Saab of Corlin Builders assured city administrators that they will do everything to limit the impact construction has on nearby 100-year-old buildings and that of the church, which is also historic.

BOND

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the old car that's falling apart — it's cheaper to replace it than to keep fixing it," Tucker said. "That's where we're spending a bunch of money."

Some repairs include complete overhauls of certain stations, and others will be partially replaced, and most will be updated with a new transducer, which allows the station to operate better.

He said the lift stations are well past their 25-year life.

The recommendation came from the township's contracted engineering firm, Lawrence Engineering. Trustee Vince Lorraine expressed concerns over the wording in the letter on whether the firm could

guarantee the bond and repairs would save the township money.

This bond will not cause an increase in the \$255 quarterly payments Fenton

Township residents pay for the sewers.

"The cash flow projection shows that we should actually get the money that we're spending on the debt service back, plus probably almost that same amount again in savings. Spend money to save money," Tucker said.

The resolution passed 6-1, with Trustee Shaun Shumaker casting the dissenting vote.

Shumaker said "I don't feel the money is going to be spent as effectively as I would like. I understand we do need to make repairs but I just don't think we're going to be using those funds in the most efficient way."

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JOHN TUCKER
Fenton Township treasurer

STUCK

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to drivers behind you. If you have to change lanes, watch your mirrors and the traffic around you closely.

Once you're off the road, make sure your car is visible. Use your emergency flashers, put reflectorized triangles behind your vehicle to alert other drivers. If it's dark, turn on the interior dome light.

Be especially careful about walking for help, especially in bad weather. If help is nearby, walk on the right side of the road, but never attempt to cross a multi-lane, high-speed road.

If you have a flat tire, change it safely if the tire is on the opposite side of the road. If your car is beyond repair, get professional help. Don't try to flag down other vehicles. Raise your hood and tie a white cloth to the antenna or hang it out the window to show police officers or tow trucks that you need assistance.

If your car is safely out of traffic, wait inside with the car doors locked. Use your cell phone to call for help. Call the number on your roadside assistance card for towing services. If someone stops and offers to help, open the window slightly and ask them to call the police.

Watch for a uniformed police officer or other emergency personnel.

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- Write down the name and department of the investigating officer.
- Report the claim to your insurance company as soon as possible.

CRASH

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injury crash.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that a 2011 Ford Fusion, operated by a 74-year-old Brighton resident, was traveling north on Old U.S. 23. As she proceeded into the intersection her vehicle was struck by a 2005 Jeep Liberty that was traveling east on White Lake Road.

The Jeep Liberty was being driven by a 50-year-old Fenton resident. The operator of the Jeep Liberty was transported to Genesys Hospital by Livingston County EMS with non-life threatening injuries.

The driver of the Ford Fusion was pronounced deceased at the scene. The roadway remained closed for approximately four hours during the investigation.

Alcohol and speed do not appear to be a factor in this crash. The crash remains under investigation by the Sheriff's Office Traffic Safety Bureau.

Deputies were assisted at the scene by personnel from the Fenton Township Fire Department and Livingston County EMS.

Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz said he was the first responder to arrive at the busy intersection and there were already several bystanders there, some



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The driver of this Jeep Liberty was injured in the crash.

taking photos of the crash with their phones. He said it was apparent that some wanted to help, however, he would prefer that the bystanders give ample room for the trained emergency responders to work as quickly as possible.

Volz said that with a side impact crash such as this one, the air bag was still intact. If a bystander, who has good intentions, sticks their head inside the side window to help a victim, they too could be injured if the air bag deployed unexpectedly.

Livingston County Sheriff Michael Murphy said the name of the victim would be released on Wednesday. See tctimes.com for updates.

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VILLAGE OF HOLLY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF SPECIAL LAND USE REQUEST

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with Section 157.077 (C)(4), Commercial District, New and Used Car Lots, of the Village of Holly Zoning Ordinance the Village of Holly Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on a request for a special land use permit on December 14, 2016 at 7:00 PM (or as soon thereafter as possible) in the Village Council Chambers located at 920 E. Baird Street, Holly, Michigan.

An application for a special land use permit was filed by Ryan Marsh, Marsh Auto Sales, 15133 N. Holly Road, Holly, MI to permit Commercial outdoor sales or storage on a portion of parcel ID # IH-01-27-151-016. The proposed use is allowed only after review and approval by the Holly Planning Commission in accordance with Section 157.120 through 157.130 of the Holly Zoning Ordinance.

Written comments may be submitted to the Village Clerk/Treasurer, 300 East Street, Karl Richter Center, Holly, Michigan 48442 prior to the review and may also be submitted at the meeting. All documents pertinent to the application are available for inspection in the Village Offices at the above address during regular business hours.

Interested persons are encouraged to attend the meeting. Handicapped persons needing assistance to attend are asked to contact the village offices at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at (248) 634-9571 during regular business hours.

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Squads filled with expectations as girls hoops season begins

By David Troppens
dtroppens@tctimes.com

Last season the Fenton varsity girls basketball team had a memorable year, capturing a Class A district title.

They also came within a couple of buckets away from capturing the school's first-ever Class A regional championship when the squad lost to Port Huron Northern 40-38.

That seems to be a trend in Fenton athletics lately. This fall has seen a lot of that type of activity. First, the Fenton varsity boys soccer team qualified for the state semifinals for the first time in school history, and then the Fenton varsity volleyball team made it to the state semifinals for the first time in Class A in school history.

Interestingly enough, some of the players that made last year's girls' basketball run possible were the same ones that made it possible for the volleyball team this season. Play-

ers like Chloe Idoni, Taylor Mowery, Erin Kaye and Kiley Aldred weren't able to start practicing until recently due to the volleyball team's success. But, such issues don't bother Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Rebecca Moore, who enjoyed following the volleyball team's success herself.

"My concern right now is getting my team back together and going from there," Moore said. "We know we are behind compared to other teams, but the basketball season is long. Our kids got to play in the state semifinals and their teammates got to

support them in that endeavor. Those opportunities don't come along every day."

No, they certainly don't. But don't be shocked if the Tigers have just as magical a girls basketball season as some had with the volleyball team. It's certainly a possibility.

The rest of the varsity girls basketball season isn't as clear. The Holly Bronchos have been a Metro contender for years, and should still be one of the better teams in the league. However, they did lose who may

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Times Sports

Blue Devils open season on a high

■ Lake Fenton girls basketball cruised by Imlay City in opener, 54-40

By David Troppens

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The Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team entered the season as a squad with many changes.

So if there was a season it was pretty important to get off to a good start, this may have been the one. The Blue Devils, who were just 4-16 a year ago, opened their season with an impressive 54-40 non-league victory against Imlay City on Monday.

"It felt good to get the opener to sort of set the tone," Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Brian VanBuren said. "We played pretty tough and didn't fall victim to fatigue or their size, and that was something we've been talking about. I am proud of my girls, for sure,

For starters

The Michigan prep girls basketball season begins this week. Here are the area varsity contests scheduled for this week.

Monday's games

Lake Fenton 54, Imlay City 40
Brighton 66, Linden 43

Today's games

Holly at Walled Lake Northern Tournament

Friday's games

Lake Fenton at Grand Blanc
Hartland at Fenton
Linden at Lake Orion
Holly at Walled Lake Northern Tournament



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(Top middle) Lake Fenton's Hannah Garty scored 22 points in the Blue Devils' 54-40 victory against Imlay City on Monday. Meanwhile, Haley Whittecar (left) scored 20 points.

but more happy for them."

The Blue Devils (1-0) are a short team, so aggressive defense and transition will be key elements if Lake Fenton is going to have any success this season. In game one, they were successful with both, jumping out to an 18-4 lead in the opening quarter.

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David's Dabblings

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



MICHIGAN FANS TOOK THAT LOSS PRETTY WELL IN STRIDE

Anyone who knows me knows I'm not much of a Michigan football fan.

I used to be when I was a kid, but that all changed when I went to Central Michigan University. At that time, it didn't make sense to remain a fan for a school I wasn't attending.

So while I know a large chunk of the college football fans in the state were glued to the Michigan-Ohio State football game on Saturday, I actually was in Ohio. However, I wasn't paying much attention to the football game. I was driving back from a mini-vacation we had during Thanksgiving in Kentucky. I didn't know Michigan had lost until probably about an hour after game time when I started seeing Buckeye flags waving outside Ohio State fans' cars.

However, once I did get home I did see good chunks of the game on the Big Ten Network. It is too bad that I missed this game. What I have seen of the game since has given me a sense this was one contest I would've been thoroughly entertained by. I love close, defensive football games where any point feels precious. We see very little of that in today's college football, but this game was filled with that defensive theme.

It also had its share of controversy, as the entire world knows. When I initially saw the highlights I just knew my social media pages were going to be filled by irrational Michigan fans who had spent the last five hours spewing post after post about the fourth-down play Ohio State was rewarded a first down. It ended up being a pivotal play as Ohio State eventually tied the game, enabling the Buckeyes to win the game in double-overtime.

When I got on social media, I was a bit shocked. There were some posts, arguing the call. People certainly brought it up, but I saw just as many posts by Michigan fans that admitted it was a close call and that Michigan still had its chances to win beyond that fourth-down play.

I thought Ohio State probably did get the first down, but I can't say that definitively. And whatever the call was on the field had to stand on a review, because it wasn't conclusive either way. It could've certainly gone the other way, and I wouldn't have had any problem with the call.

Michigan fans dealt with the play reasonably well. And for that, I would like to say thanks, Michigan fans. This non-Michigan supporter appreciates it.

Injury bug hurts Eagles vs. Brighton Bulldogs, 66-43

By David Troppens

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It took just 30 seconds for the Linden varsity girls basketball team to suffer its first major setback of the 2016-17 season.

About that amount of time into the first game, senior Bella Blank went out

with a knee injury against the Brighton Bulldogs.

That injury helped lead the Bulldogs to a 66-43 victory against Linden on Monday night.

"It would've gone a lot better if Bella didn't get hurt in the first 30 seconds and didn't play again. That was a

killer," Linden varsity girls basketball coach Ben Varner said. "She was going to be the catalyst for our defense and without her in there, we lost our most athletic player."

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Tri-County's 2016-17 Girls Basketball Preview

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have been the best player in school history when Kaitlyn Smith graduated. They do return two very good players in Paige Reid and Becca Fugate.

Linden is looking to improve upon last year's two-win season, and looks to have the talent to do

that. However, how much the Eagles improve is a good question. Sterling DeGayner should be the team's top player.

The Blue Devils have some talent returning, but will be mighty small. How good they will be remains a reasonable mystery.

FENTON TIGERS

Coach: Rebecca Moore

2015-16 Record: 18-7 overall, Class A district champs. Lost in Class A regional title game against Port Huron Northern.

Graduated All-TCT players: Sarah Cummings.

Returning All-TCT players: Chloe Idoni (HM All-State).

Team summary: The Tigers had a pretty nice season a year ago, and appears to be poised for another strong season this year. Chloe Idoni became the third freshman to ever be named first-team All-Metro last year, and is the early favorite to be our 2016-17 Player of the Year. But there's plenty of other strong players surrounding her as well. Emma Evo missed most of last year due to an injury, but returns. Put her with Idoni and the Tigers have one fierce 1-2 punch right there. Others returning with starting experience are Kiley Aldred, Erin Kaye, Taylor Mowery, Ellie Reuschlein, Margarety Berry, Maddie Carr and Aly Lenz.

The team's only "downfall" so far has been the volleyball team's success. Many players were members of the squad, mean-

ing they've had few practices with the varsity basketball squad.

Coach Moore says:

"The whole team has been together for just two days, but the kids have just rolled with the schedule. They have not worried about what was going on or where we are. They have just shown up and worked hard every day. They have supported their teammates on the volleyball court, but they were glad to have them back."

Prediction: Moore says the goal is to get better every day, and if the team does that things will take care of themselves. We believe her. The Tigers have a chance to have a magical season.



Fenton's
Chloe Idoni

LINDEN EAGLES

Coach: Ben Varner

2015-16 Record: 2-19 overall. Lost to Fenton in Class A district opener.

Returning All-TCT players: Sterling DeGayner.

Team summary: The Eagles struggled through a tough 2015-16 season, but there is reason for a brighter future this season. First off, DeGayner returns, and she's a quality scorer any team would love to have. Second, Cam Williams gives the squad a strong perimeter shooter who may help compliment DeGayner's play. Williams missed a huge chunk of last season due to a concussion, but bounced back to have a strong showing late in the season. Bella Blank is a senior who is returning, and can also attack the basket with speed.

Madison Paige also returns. After concentrating on soccer last year, the senior should make a solid impact after being a strong player in the past. Freshman Sam Whaling will play at the point and also may provide scoring to the Eagles' attack.

Others who will play a role with this season's team are sophomore Erin Gillespie, and fellow sophomores Maddison Smith and Eva Darling.

Coach Varner says: "I'm excited to see what we can do. I think we look better than what we did last year. It's all going to depend on if we can make some shots and if we can rebound. But I'm excited to see what happens when we play Brighton, Lake Orion and Hartland (the team's first three games). We'll find out right away what our strengths and weaknesses will be."

Prediction: The Eagles should be a better product this year, but how much better is the real question. Finishing with at least six wins seems realistic.

HOLLY BRONCHOS

Coach: David Hall

2015-16 Record: 14-0 12-10 overall. Lost to Fenton in Class A district final.

Returning All-TCT players: Paige Reid.

Team summary: The Bronchos have had their share of success in recent seasons, but now it's a time to rebuild, as many of the people who have made the program what it has been the last four to six seasons are now beyond their prep playing days. Still, there's one nice player returning that any team in the Metro League would love to have among their starting five. That player is Paige Reid. Reid gives the Bronchos a legitimate offensive weapon, but she can't do it alone. A strong candidate to help Reid

out will be Becca Fugate, who had a pretty impressive season last year. The pair are the team's only two returning starters.

Four other players return from a year ago. Sami Hild and Taylor Vines are two juniors who will help the Bronchos in the paint while Erika Reddy and Alex Karakuc are a pair of seniors who should see plenty of playing time.

Coach Hall says: "I like how hard our team plays. I like how well they are working to improve. I like how they are playing to their strengths."

Prediction: The Bronchos are probably not at the level they were a few years ago, but certainly remain a team to be respected. Holly should be gunning to remain in the Metro League's upper-division.

LAKE FENTON BLUE DEVILS

Coach: Brian VanBuren

2015-16 Record: 4-16 overall. Lost to Goodrich in Class B district opener.

Team summary: The Blue Devils have 11 players, including six returning varsity players. Two of them are guards Hannah Garty and Sage Fuller. Garty will be a scoring threat and a strong player when it comes to setting up the offense and creating transition chances. The Blue Devils don't have a lot of size, so they are going to look like a team of guards no matter who is on the court. Others who will make an impact are sophomore Haley Whittecar. She has a lot of upside, can handle the ball and can shoot the basketball. She also represents the team's greatest size, at about 5-foot-8. Kenneisha Golson was a transfer student a year ago. She will play some frontcourt, but isn't that tall herself. Renee Shaw also returns and has

a toughness element to it.

A couple of other players to watch out for include freshman Morgan Furey and Katelyn Siebert.

Coach VanBuren says: "We definitely want to create more tempo this year. Last year, no matter what we knew we could throw it inside and get a good look at the basket. This year will be different. We don't see us entering the ball in the post. Our post players will run the floor and get buckets that way, off the break. We will definitely look to playing in transition, at least early on."

Prediction: Lake Fenton looks to be a team in transition. The Blue Devils find themselves in a league that includes Goodrich, Beecher and Hamady, so looking for great progress will be challenging. Getting to six or seven wins would be a nice season.

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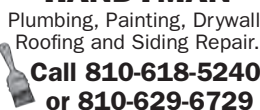

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Jason Patrick
Lawrence

1976-2016

Jason Patrick Lawrence - age 40, of Fenton, died Sunday, November 27, 2016. Funeral services will



be 1 PM Friday, December 2, 2016 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, W. Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Pastor Wes Morris officiating. Visitation will be 4-8 PM Thursday, December 1, 2016; and 11 AM - 1 PM Friday. Those desiring may make contributions to The Rock Church. Jason was born January 27, 1976 in Flint, the son of Mark and Kimberly (Dainty) Lawrence. He was a Demolition Specialist for Great Lakes Installation. Jason loved fishing, sports, football, and was a great athlete. He also loved gardening. Surviving are: his mother, Kimberly Lawrence; three brothers, Matthew (Michelle) Lawrence of Las Vegas, NV, Scott (Cari) Lawrence of Grand Blanc, and Jonathan Lawrence of Fenton; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was preceded in death by: his father, Mark Lawrence; grandparents, Paul and Ellen Dainty; William and Audrey Lawrence. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Mr. Richard E.
Graham

1937-2016

Mr. Richard E. Graham - age 79, died peacefully November 28, 2016 at his home in Fenton. He was the loving husband of Patricia Graham. Also surviving are his children Michael (Merri) Graham and Michelle (Rob) Patterson; grandchildren, Caleb Graham, Matthew Graham, Walker Patterson, Dianna Graham and Kimberly Daniel; three great-grandchildren; siblings, Roy (Trish) Graham, William (the late Laura) Graham, and Nancy Belling; and many nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Roy and Dorothy Graham. Mr. Graham was born in Spruce, MI in 1937 and was raised in the Spruce, Alpena, and Saginaw area. He was a 1955 Graduate of Saginaw High School. He married his wife Patricia in 1962 in Tyrone Township, MI. He served in the United States Army and was a member of the Saginaw American Legion. Mr. Graham retired from AC Spark Plug after 40 plus years of service to the company. He was a member of AC Male Choir and a church elder. Mr. Graham enjoyed bowling, golfing, tennis, fishing, hunting, camping, singing, and mostly time spent with family and friends. Visitation will be Friday, December 2, 2016 from 4-8 PM at the Temrowski Family Funeral Home, 500 Main Street, Fenton. He will lie in state Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 11 AM at Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church until the time of his service at 12 Noon. Burial with Military Honors will follow in Oakwood Cemetery, Fenton. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.


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JoAnn L.
Boyden

1938-2016

JoAnn L. Boyden - age 78, of Fenton, died Sunday, November 27, 2016. Funeral Mass will be celebrat-



ed 11 AM Saturday, December 3, 2016, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. Fr. David Harvey celebrant. Interment to follow in St. John Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-8 PM Friday, December 2, 2016 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. A rosary will be held 7 PM Friday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation be made in JoAnn's name to St. John Giving Tree. JoAnn was born November 6, 1938 in Kalamazoo, the daughter of Joseph and Frances Mary (Baker) Cappel. She married Edward Lee Boyden in Fenton on May 4, 1959. JoAnn attended Eastern Michigan University and was a founding member of Beta Phi Gamma Sorority and a member of The Daughter's of Italy. She was a homemaker, but also served as the head bookkeeper at State Bank of Fenton and worked at VG's of Fenton. JoAnn was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. She was an avid reader, enjoyed cooking, but most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren. JoAnn is survived by: her beloved husband of 57 years, Edward; three children, Laura (Raymond) Drahms, Edward (Susan) Boyden and Jenny (Jon) Webb; six grandchildren, Amy, Angela, Joseph, Brianna, Edward Jr., and Aubrey; four great grandchildren, Maddie, Alex, Lily and Olivia; siblings; Joey (Dianne) Cappel, Euel, Kevin, Annette, Tony, and Annie. She was preceded in death by her parents. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


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Patrick Joseph
Carmody

1937-2016

Patrick Joseph Carmody - age 79, of Fenton, died Sunday, November 27, 2016. Funeral Mass will be



celebrated at 11 AM Thursday, December 1, 2016 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. Fr. David Harvey and Fr. James Conlon will celebrate. Burial will follow in St. John Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be held 5-8 PM Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton and from 10 AM until the time of Mass Thursday at church. A vigil service will be held at 7 PM Wednesday at the funeral home. Those desiring may make contributions to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Patrick was born March 16, 1937 in Chicago, the son of Earl and Helen (Bushor) Carmody. He was a 1956 graduate of Catholic Central High School in Detroit and attended University of Detroit. He served in the U.S. Air Force Reserves. Patrick married Virginia Sue Voigt on June 27, 1964 in West Bloomfield. He was a senior manager at Houghton Manufacturing retiring in 1999. Mr. Carmody was a member of the American Legion and was active in Residential Subdivision Activity. He was elected Trustee of Fenton Township and later served as Treasurer. He served as past President of Society of Plastic Engineers and was a member of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus and Ancient Order of Hibernians. Mr. Carmody was very active at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church where he was a Eucharistic Minister, Reader and participated in R.C.I.A. and the Advisory Committee of Remodeling. Patrick is survived by his wife, Virginia; children, Bridget Ann (Brian) Ross of Grand Blanc, Kevin Michael (Megan) Carmody of Western Springs, IL; grandchildren, Alexander, Samantha, John, Matthew and Elle; sister, Lynn Ellen Whittee; special friends, Mac and Sue MacLean. He was preceded in death by his parents; and sisters, Sharon and Marianne. Tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


 VILLAGE OF HOLLY
 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
 NOTICE OF TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with Articles 2400 of the Village of Holly Zoning Ordinance the Village of Holly Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on a request by the Zoning Administrator for a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance on December 14, 2016 at 7:00 PM (or as soon thereafter as possible) in the Village Council Chambers located at 920 E. Baird Street, Holly, Michigan.

A Text Amendment to the Village of Holly Zoning Ordinance was initiated by the Zoning Administrator. The Text Amendment of Chapter 15 of the Village of Holly Zoning Ordinance, if approved, would rescind Section 157.130; Sub-Section 31 regulating Medical Marijuana Dispensaries in the Village of Holly. Written comments may be submitted to the Village Clerk/Treasurer, 300 East Street, Karl Richter Center, Holly, Michigan 48442 prior to the review and may also be submitted at the meeting.

Interested persons are encouraged to attend the meeting. Handicapped persons needing assistance to attend are asked to contact the village offices at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at (248) 634-9571 during regular business hours.

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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
Watch your expenses through the end of the month. Later, you'll be glad to have extra money to pay for something that will make an acquisitive Bovine's heart beat faster.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
You're now ready to make that oft-deferred commitment, if you still believe it's what you want. Don't be afraid to change your mind if you feel you should go in another direction.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Now that you are moving on with your life after that recent disappointment, how about reactivating your travel plans and taking someone special along with you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
Many new friends come into your personal life, which suits all of you social Lions just fine. However, one new friend might make demands that you could find difficult to deal with.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Communication doesn't exist unless it's two-way. So if you're getting no replies to the signals you're sending, it could be time to look for someone more receptive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
A workplace complication that you thought was ironed out develops new wrinkles that need attention. Meanwhile, expect continuing improvement in your home life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
A tense personal problem needs to be talked out before someone decides to walk out. Resist making decisions until full explanations are offered from both sides.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
A technological glitch that caused problems recently will soon be repaired, and life can return to normal. A colleague has a surprising message to deliver.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Your partner might feel that you haven't been as open with him or her as you should be. Deal with this now, before it turns into something more difficult to handle.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Good news: Many of the stumbling blocks that affected the progress of some of your career projects are fading away. Things also start to look up on the home front.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)
You'll need that strong Piscean pluck to get through waters that will be turbulent for a while. A more positive aspect soon emerges, along with some welcome news.

WEDNESDAY JUMBLE

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

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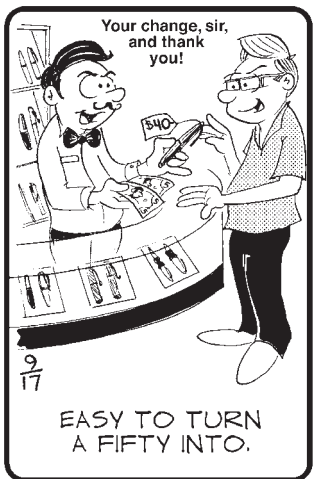
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

KING FEATURES

ACROSS

- 1 Timber wolf
- 5 U.K. television option
- 8 Lily variety
- 12 Opposed to, slangily
- 13 Always, in verse
- 14 Mimicked
- 15 Get bigger
- 16 Banner
- 18 "— Street"
- 20 Leads
- 21 Edges
- 23 Adam's mate
- 24 Recklessly
- 28 Book after Joel
- 31 Sphere
- 32 "SNL" alumna Cheri

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- 34 Debt notice
- 35 Seniors' dance
- 37 Vexing situation
- 39 By way of
- 41 Use scissors
- 42 Offering a nice view
- 45 Illegal steroid use, e.g.
- 49 Vertical space
- 51 Birthright barterer
- 52 Not working
- 53 Genetic stuff (Abbr.)

- 54 Matterhorn's range
- 55 Pinochle ploy
- 56 Affirmative
- 57 For fear that

DOWN

- 1 Trails behind
- 2 Shrek is one
- 3 Life stories, for short
- 4 Ahead
- 5 Huge monster
- 6 Spelling contest
- 7 Rugged cliff

- 8 Digestive aid
- 9 Widespread illness
- 10 Kelly or Hackman
- 11 Rhyming tributes
- 17 Payable
- 19 Venus de —
- 22 Old daggers
- 24 Bounce
- 25 Blunder
- 26 Especially
- 27 Baby-sitters, often
- 29 Partner of aah

- 30 Take to court
- 33 Personal (Pref.)
- 36 Paid heed to
- 38 Attraction
- 40 Atmosphere
- 42 Thin wedge
- 43 Relinquish
- 44 Buffalo Bill's last name
- 46 Capri, e.g.
- 47 Siestas
- 48 Sudden rush of wind
- 50 Individual

DVD RELEASES

INTERVENTION

A weekend getaway for four couples takes a sharp turn when one of the couples discovers the entire trip was orchestrated to host an intervention on their marriage. **R, 1 hr. 30 min.** Comedy, Drama



DON'T BREATHE

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