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(Above) Lita Malinowski straightens cardigans at Thimbleberry Antiques in Linden on Thursday. (Left) Stacey McDonnell of Linden browses through gift items for an upcoming family party.

■ Create memories and help your community by shopping local this Christmas season

By Sally Rummel

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There's certainly more to the holidays than just shopping, but with only three more weeks until Christmas, finding the right gifts for all the people on your list is likely at the top of your own to-do list.

The good news is that half of all Christ-

mas shopping in 2016 will be done at traditional brick-and-mortar stores, according to the National Retail Federation. Online shopping will claim the other half of this year's shopping dollars.

However, the most fun, rewarding holiday experiences don't happen with a click on your computer.

It's that "wow" moment when you find just the right gift for someone special; you can touch it, pick it up and feel the quality, then

wrap it all up with a personal connection made between yourself and an appreciative local retailer. There's no waiting, either, and hoping the item will arrive on time and in one piece.

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Cortney Gwaltney
 co-owner of
The Retreat Salon & Skin Spa
 in Fenton Township.

Knowing how to navigate in-store shopping for the best retail experience is an exciting challenge for today's consumers and shop owners.

For business owners

Now more than ever, storeowners and sales associates need to be knowledgeable about

what they're selling, engaging and interactive with their customers, so they can add value to each transaction.

Thanks to loyalty rewards, Facebook and emails, tech savvy store owners can get to know their customers and their preferences, tailoring sales and "wish lists" so there's a personal side to shopping locally.

One excited shopper recently received a Facebook private message from Elections about a gift owner that Nicole McCurdy thought her husband would like from their newly opened men's shop. That type of service makes local shopping personal, fun and convenient.

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Many local retailers also gladly create Wish Lists for their customers. Stop in at your favorite jeweler, boutique or salon/spa and write down a few ideas for gifts you'd really enjoy.

"This year, we created a Christmas Wish List for our customers," said Cortney Gwaltney, co-owner of The Retreat Salon & Skin in Fenton Township. "It's better than just coming in and guessing what a person might want. We also sell gift certificates online for the ultimate in convenience."

Other added value services, like free gift-wrapping, encourage local shopping.

Karen Piacentini of Fenton's Open Book, offers free gift-wrapping, along with discounted pricing on bestsellers and new titles, special orders for hard-to-find or out-of-print books and a welcome door for local and self-published authors.

"Being a small store, people are always surprised that we often have just the book they are looking for," said Piacentini. "We have many more titles than people think, compared to big-box stores that only carry the top bestsellers."

SUMMARY

■ Here's how to make Christmas shopping a pleasant, rewarding experience, whether you're a retailer or customer.

For customers

On the customer side, it's important to make the holiday season less stressful for busy shop owners and employees, too, by treating them courteously. They're working long hours and days, and a smile goes a long way.

Businesses offering spa or salon services appreciate it when customers are on time for their appointments and if a cancellation is necessary, that it's made early enough that someone else can fill that appointment.

To make returns hassle-free for both the store and the customer, hang on to receipts and know a store's return policies. If a return is necessary, either from buyer's remorse, duplicates, wrong size, wrong color, or simply a change of heart, have the receipt handy so that the item can be returned hassle-free. Be honest about the reason for a return, and most store owners will be happy to accommodate.

"I'm happy to make an exchange for just about any reason, as long as you have a receipt," said Kevin Begola of Bridge Street Exchange in Linden. "I've had customers return (Stormy Kromer) hats that smell like bacon grease or smoke. Products with wool sometimes can hold those smells. I'll still make the exchange, but they've obviously been worn. We can't really send items back to manufacturers for stuff like that."

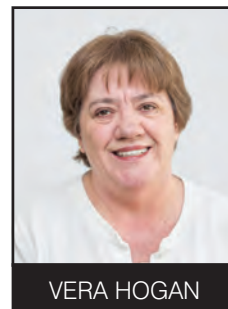
Just sayin'...

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No glory for Fidel Castro

The death of Cuban dictator Fidel Castro last Friday brought back some memories that I wish I could forget. It was the first time in life that I felt genuine fear over something going on in the world.

I was 9 years old in 1962 when the Cuban missile crisis began. That is when U.S. leaders and the Soviet Union engaged in a very tense, 13-day stand-off over the installation of nuclear-armed Soviet missiles on Cuban soil, just 90 miles from U.S. shores.



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My family was watching the TV when President John F. Kennedy notified Americans about the presence of the missiles, which were pointed right at us, and explained his decision to enact a naval blockade around Cuba and made it clear the U.S. was prepared to use military force if necessary to neutralize this possible threat to national security.

After Kennedy's address to the nation, many people feared the world was on the brink of nuclear war, including my family. We honestly thought that World War III was upon us. The feeling of dread and doom was overwhelming.

We lived in a small town about three hours south of Chicago at the time. My parents became what people now call 'doomsday preppers.' They didn't go overboard, but there was a large closet in our basement, one wall of which was lined with shelves packed with fresh water, canned and nonperishable dry goods, and anything else we might need. I remember thinking at the time, 'I hope nothing really happens because I don't want to have to eat SPAM for any reason — ever.'

On trips to a larger town nearby, I

remember seeing new signs pop up all over — the large yellow and black 'Fallout Shelter' signs. We learned that a fallout shelter was designed to protect people from radioactive debris resulting from a nuclear explosion. Oh yeah, that made us feel much better.

Anyway, nothing happened. The United States agreed to Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev's offer to remove the Cuban missiles in exchange for the U.S. promising not to invade Cuba.

A few years later, we moved to the Chicago area when my dad accepted an executive position for Sears at the Sears Tower (now the Willis Building). During my late teenage years, we had a visitor once a year around Christmastime. We knew him only as 'Mr. Ernesto.'

Dad told us Mr. Ernesto was a Cuban refugee who came to work in the Sears Tower mailroom, a job usually held by much younger employees. They became friends. My dad later helped Mr. Ernesto get a better job with a local security company. He moved to Miami, but always came up to visit our family during the holidays. He told us a story I will never forget.

Mr. Ernesto said, as a child in Cuba, he and Fidel Castro were school chums. While Castro was in the process of overthrowing Cuba's government, Mr. Ernesto was part of a resistance. He said he came face to face with Castro one day and knew then that he was going to die. Instead, in a moment of weakness, Castro told him he would turn his back for five minutes. If Ernesto was not gone when he turned back around, he would be killed.

Mr. Ernesto obviously made tracks and was out of there.

Today I hope the world doesn't romanticize who and what Fidel Castro really was. It doesn't make me happy that a human being has died — but this man was a ruthless tyrant and dictator, a liar and a killer, who made tens of thousands of his own terrified countrymen endure unbearable pain and suffering.

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What is neuropathy?

■ Things you should know about nerve damage and its causes

By Vera Hogan

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People diagnosed with peripheral neuropathy suffer from a number of unpleasant, painful symptoms.

A result of damage to your peripheral nerves often causes weakness, numbness and pain, usually in your hands and feet. It can also affect other areas of your body.



Your peripheral nervous system sends information from your brain and spinal cord (central nervous system) to the rest of your body. People with peripheral neuropathy generally describe the pain as stabbing, burning or tingling.

Causes include:

• ALCOHOLISM

Poor dietary choices made by people with alcoholism can lead to vitamin deficiencies.

• AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES

These include Sjogren's syndrome, lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, and more.

• DIABETES

More than half the people with diabetes develop some type of neuropathy.

• EXPOSURE TO POISONS

Toxic substances include heavy metals or chemicals.

• MEDICATIONS

Certain medications, especially those used to treat cancer (chemotherapy), can cause peripheral neuropathy.

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These include certain viral or bacterial infections, including Lyme disease, shingles, Epstein-Barr virus, hepatitis C, and more.

• INHERITED DISORDERS

Disorders such as Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease are hereditary types of neuropathy.

• TRAUMA OR PRESSURE ON THE NERVE

Traumas, such as from motor vehicle accidents, falls or sports injuries can sever or damage peripheral nerves.

• TUMORS

Growths, cancerous (malignant) and noncancerous (benign), can develop on the nerves or press nerves.

• VITAMIN DEFICIENCIES

B vitamins - including B-1, B-6 and B-12 - vitamin E and niacin are crucial to nerve health.

• BONE MARROW DISORDERS

These include abnormal protein in the blood (monoclonal gammopathies), a form of bone cancer (osteosclerotic myeloma), lymphoma and amyloidosis.

• OTHER DISEASES

These include kidney disease, liver disease, connective tissue disorders and an underactive thyroid.

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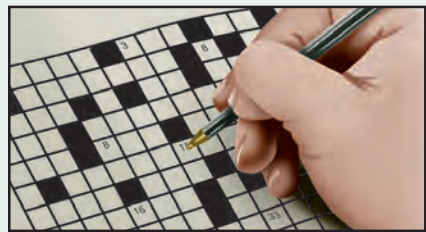
Sharpen your memory skills with brain games

Compiled By Vera Hogan

The following are games that can boost your long and short-term memory:

Crossword Puzzles

Crossword puzzles remain the go-to cognitive exercise, with studies showing a strong correlation between the habit and delayed onset of dementia. Try alternating crosswords with other



word-search games to keep your brain engaged.

Jigsaw Puzzles

Jigsaw puzzles are a fantastic tool for engaging short-term memory, since your brain has to sort through a series of colors and shapes in order to assemble a visual picture. The more pieces, the harder your brain has to work, and the greater the reward: "Clicking" a piece in place has been shown to produce dopamine, which can help concentration.

Video Games

Find video games that force you to multitask. While shooting aliens can be fun, it's not necessarily going to boost your cognitive function. Games that require you to react to a stimulus - like a road sign or new environment - while playing can

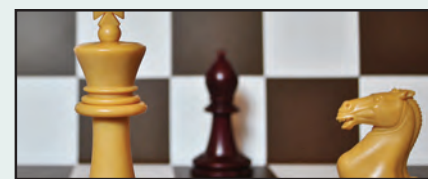
improve working memory, or the ability to recall information while you're in the middle of solving a problem.

Sudoku

This number game has been a staple of newspapers for years, and for good reason. By having to keep a series of numbers in your head while mentally "rehearsing" their placement in the nine-space grids, you're relying heavily on working memory.

Chess

Chess is one of the most intellectually challenging games around, though newer players often rely on short-term memory in order to analyze the board and plot their next move on the spot. More experienced players have committed strategies to their long-term memory, shifting the exercise to retaining information for the long haul.



Rebus Puzzle

A rebus puzzle usually consists of letters, numbers, pictures, and symbols that contain clues to the answer. The puzzle phrase "BAD BAD," for example, is an encrypted way of saying "too bad." You'll need some knowledge of clichés and expressions to solve these puzzles, and you won't be able to rely on implied or contextual clues like you would with a conventional sentence or word game.

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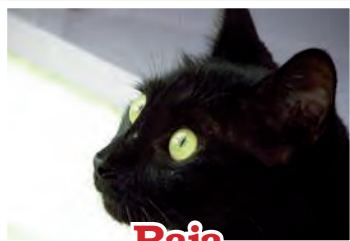


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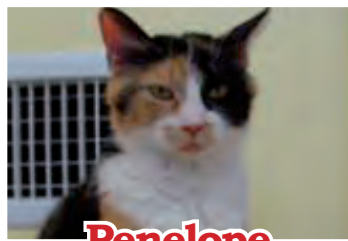


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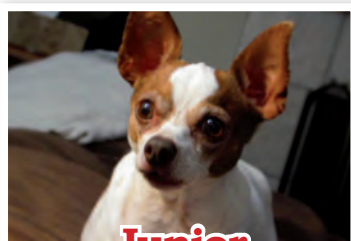


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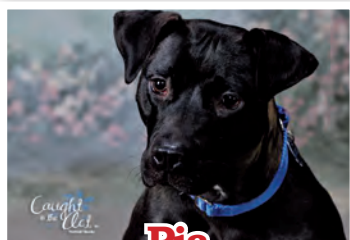


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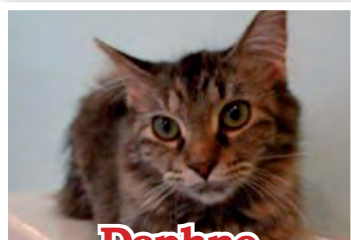


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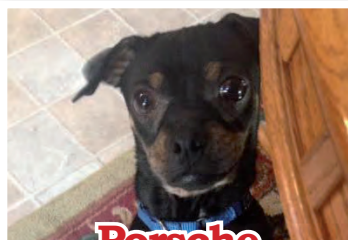


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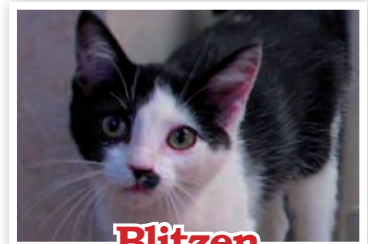
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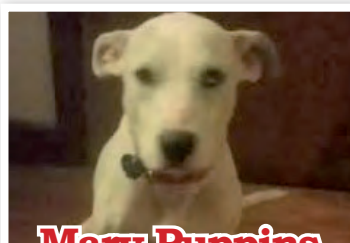
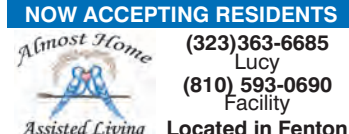
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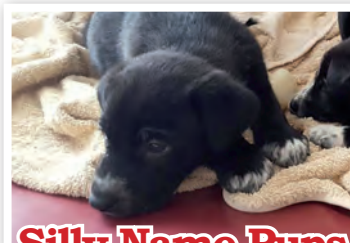
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PUBLIC NOTICE

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON SPECIAL BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS NOVEMBER 28, 2016

The Fenton Township Board held a special meeting on Tuesday November 28, 2016 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

1. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of \$51,056.44.
2. Approved a motion to continue the optional 80/20 rules for 2017 to comply with the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act, Public Act 152 of 2011.
3. Adopted Resolution No. 2016-24, declaring intent to issue capital improvement bonds to fund sewer system improvements and authorizing the publication of the required notice of intent.
4. Approved internal and external committee appointments for the 2016-2020 term of office.
5. Adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday and 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Friday. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

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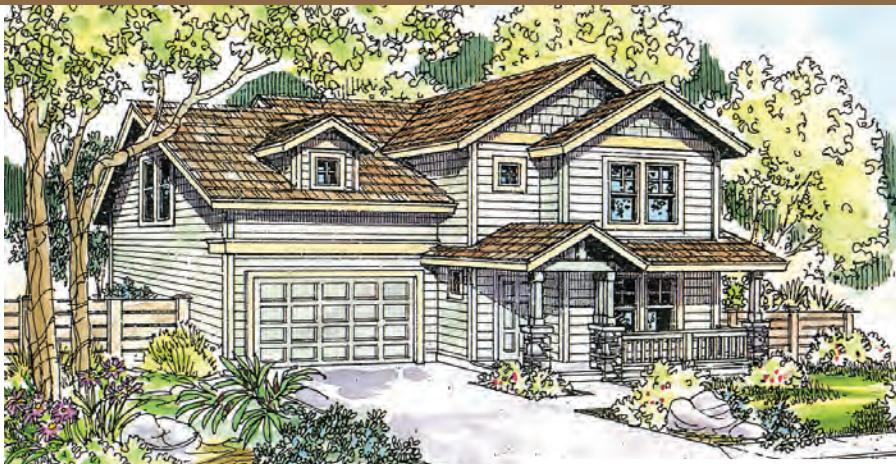
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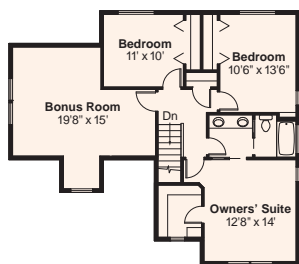
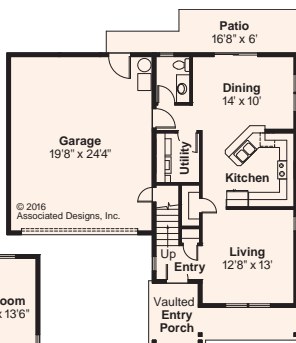
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HOUSE PLAN OF THE WEEK



Calhoun	
First Floor	679 sq. ft.
Second Floor	731 sq. ft.
Living Area	1410 sq. ft.
Bonus Room	302 sq. ft.
Garage	500 sq. ft.
Dimensions	40' x 40'



Calhoun PLAN 30-479

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HOWELL
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Just listed! Spacious 3 bedroom ranch on large lot with lake access to Bevins Lake. Large, beautiful kitchen open to dining

area, formal living room with natural fireplace, relax in the 21x20 family room with many windows. Nice patio area, 1st floor laundry, basement and 2 car garage. \$195,000.



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13123 River Rock Pass • Linden

Beautiful home in Stoney Brook Subdivision

This 4 bedroom, 2½ bath home features nice open kitchen with stainless steel appliances, hardwood floors, reverse osmosis system, spacious master bedroom & bath and a large 4th bedroom or play space for the kids. Partially finished basement, large deck overlooking grassland & woods for plenty of privacy. Community sidewalks and new asphalt streets.



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SundaySudoku

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

	4		5	6			7	
				3	1			
2		3	7					8
1	7						2	
4								9
	5						4	1
8					4	6		2
			6	5				
	2			8	7		3	

Answer key located in this edition

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

IN 2002, PRESIDENT George W. Bush took us into war with Iran and Afghanistan mainly to prevent more attacks on U.S. soil. We knew that Iraq had uranium plus biological and poison gas and potential weapons of mass destruction. Please keep in mind that this war was voted on and supported by Hillary Clinton.

THIS COUNTRY STARTED as a Christian nation, no doubt. America was founded on three documents, the Declaration of Independence, the Paris Peace Treaty of 1783 and the Constitution. When the United States became a nation, it was done in the name of the most holy and undivided trinity.

TRUMP IS PICKING successful people with actual accomplishments to work in his administration, not people who have never owned a business or met payroll or worked a real job.

WHY DO WE need a \$2 million bond to pay for the lift stations in the sewer system? I thought that's why we were paying big bucks on our sewer bills to cover the upkeep and maintenance. Genesee County should be the ones who pay for it, not us.

BEWARE THAT THE Bah humbug bug is creeping into town. I don't see a lot of lights and decorations up yet, and the weather has been nice and warm. If you can't find the means to do the light show, just a single candle in the window lights the way home.

MR. TRUMP WILL not be president for 51 more days but he has already helped to save over 2,000 jobs by keeping jobs at Ford and Carrier in the United States.

IT'S A SHAME that my dog has to be on a leash or in a fence and your cat can come into my yard and kill the birds that I feed all winter.

KING FEATURES

SuperCrossword

NOTED PHRASES

ACROSS

1 Neighbor of Chile

5 Chemist's outerwear

12 Some captives

20 Copies

21 Magic's city

22 Fearmonger

23 Centennial

25 Start to chew

26 Clinic fluids

27 Enjoy a meal

28 DVR biggie

29 Baste, e.g.

30 Text giggle

31 Output of Tolkien

38 Highly skilled people

40 Prudential competitor

41 "— found it!"

42 Member of a noted racecar-driving family

47 Surplus item

51 Be a cast member of

52 Oklahoma tribe member

53 Placed in the middle, to a Brit

55 The NBA's "King James"

57 120-Down character

61 Uru, neighbor

64 Wildlife lair

65 Proverb

66 Add liberally

67 Most August newborns

69 Popular energy drink

73 Anderson of "WKRP in Cincinnati"

74 Rome's country, in French

76 "Für —" (piano piece)

77 Sun, e.g.

79 — Moines, Iowa

80 Prism, cone or sphere

82 Beach shoe

85 Stands for hot dishes

86 Melody

87 "Salud!", say

91 Dutch genre painter Jan

92 Port-au-Prince's land

98 No. on a road sign

100 Navigator Islands, now

101 Cry upon release

102 1991 Denzel Washington film

109 Gave a meal

110 Hubbub

111 Chiang Mai native

112 Johnny —

113 Pool coverer

115 Open ocean

118 Parts of it appear at both the starts and ends of this puzzle's eight theme phrases

123 Bel Air resident, e.g.

124 Funicello of the screen

125 Cry in church

126 Nonclerical females

127 "Possibly"

128 Veg out, say

DOWN

1 Cook's spray

2 Like serials

3 Pick again

4 KGB funder

5 Lav, in Bath

6 Specter in politics

7 Make swollen

8 Magna —

9 — par with

10 Stick in

11 Moreover

12 Natural home

13 With 84-Down, lunchmeat with pimiento

14 Goal in Zen Buddhism

15 Uno plus due

16 French bud

17 Knife of TV ads

18 Oxalate, e.g.

19 Vermont ski town

24 Wearing a lounge robe

28 Color a little

30 Tibetan priest

32 Ending for enzymes

33 She sang "Smooth Operator"

34 "— darn tootin'!"

35 4G — (T-Mobile offering)

36 Retaliate

37 Like some criticism

39 Singer Ochs

43 Actor Greene

44 — -Z

45 Luc's denial

46 Chilling stuff

48 Camera stand

49 Fixed up

50 Studmuffin

54 West Germany's Ludwig

56 Deprived

57 Not genuine

58 Wheel turner

59 Little jerk

60 Patients' gp.

61 First groups of invitees

62 Snappy reply

63 Net minder

65 California's — Woods

68 Splinters

70 MBA, say

71 — -ray Disc

72 Feature of the word "go"

75 — -Kit (police tool)

78 Tub traction aids

81 Medit. land

82 "Or — hear"

83 From way back: Abbr.

84 See 13-Down

86 Shut angrily

88 Structure of a plane without the engine

89 Beltry locales

90 Knotted

93 Quarterback

94 Spanish for "daddy"

95 Ball caller

96 "Sk8er —" (2002 hit)

97 Chick- — -A

99 Hold dear

102 Taj —

103 Singer Menzel

104 Drenched

105 1953 Alan Ladd title role

106 Disney mermaid

107 Religious branches

108 Die down

114 Rent- —

116 Chop down

117 — -mo

118 Animal gullet

119 A, in France

120 '75 TV debut

121 Ang of film

122 Certain M.D.

Answer key located in this edition

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF A REGULAR PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD TUESDAY DECEMBER 20, 2016 AT 7:00 PM BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AT 12060 MANTAWAUKA. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

NEW BUSINESS:

ZBA16-044 Vantage Homes, 13453 Lakeshore, Fenton:
Requesting an 18 ft. 6 in. sight line variance to build a new house and garage after demolishing the existing, at 13377 Lakeshore, parcel 06-14-551-035

ZBA16-045 Steve Steffey, 13453 Lakeshore, Fenton:
Requesting a 3 ft. 10 in. setback from principal structure and 6 ft. 4 in. sight line variances to build a detached accessory building and covered deck with fire-place, parcel 06-14-551-020.

ZBA16-046 Greg Payne, 2413 Davis, Fenton:
Requesting a 16 sq. ft. allowable square footage of accessory building variance to build a garage across the street from principal structure, parcel 06-02-551-010.

HO16-047 Daniel Maldonado, 4237 Crystal Cove Ct, Linden:
Requesting a home occupation permit to operate gun sales business in residence; parcel 06-21-626-034

ZBA16-048 Julie Miller & Jay Shepherd, 11475 Torrey, Fenton:
Requesting 6.5 ft. sight line and 341 sq. ft. allowable square footage of accessory building variances to put a 6 ft. privacy fence on deck and keep part of existing garage, parcel 06-02-556-003

RENEWAL OF HOME OCCUPATIONS:

HO14-026 Daniel Corbett 2410 Torrey Grove Ct:
Requesting to renew home occupation permit to operate gun sales business in residence; parcel 06-11-651-012

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Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Fenton Township by writing or calling the following: Robert Krug, Fenton Township Clerk, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430, (810) 629-1537.

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Synopsis of Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting November 28, 2016

Call to order @ 7:00 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Saad.
Present: Saad, Graves, Conner, Hallman and Schmidt.
Approved: Minutes as printed of October 24, 2016. of Regular Board Meeting.
Approved: Budget Amendments.
Approved: Payment of bills as presented.
Authorized: Chief Allen to hire Paul Honkanen as a part-time police officer.
Authorized: Fire Department to purchase new hoses.
Approved: Amendment of Zoning Ordinance 12, section 17.04 Accessory Buildings.
Approved: Planning Commission recommendation to amend section 27.01, add 27.02 and delete language in 27.3 of Zoning Ordinance.
Adopted: Resolution 2016-11 designating Supervisor Saad to represent the township at 911 Consortium meetings.
Appointed: Trustee Hallman to the ZBA.
Appointed: Trustee Conner to the Planning Commission.
Appointed: Supervisor Saad to Genesee County Metro Alliance.
Appointed: Supervisor Saad to Genesee County Water & Waste Advisory Committee.
Appointed: Supervisor Saad to NPDES Surface Water Committee.
Appointed: Supervisor Saad to Roads and Bridges.
Appointed: Supervisor Conner to Loose Committee.
Tabled: Lease of Ferrelgas building for Police Department.
Appointed: Supervisor Saad to Shiawassee Water Trail Committee.
Appointed: Trustee Hallman to LAFF Pathway Project Committee.
Tabled: Renewal terms of BCBS Renewal Policy.
Authorized; Attorney to proceed with circuit court action for resolution of issue at 7340 Lahring Rd.
Approved: Bid from K/E Electric Supply for outside lighting in the amount of \$1
Authorized: Attorney to proceed in circuit court for resolution to 7340 Lahring Rd. property.
Issued 12 Building and Zoning Permits in the amount of \$11,091.90.
Adjourned @7:53 p.m.

Submitted by Denise Graves
Argentine Township Clerk

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS AND ELECTORS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS SECURED BY THE TAXING POWER OF THE TOWNSHIP AND RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THEREON

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton, County of Genesee, State of Michigan, intends to issue and sell general obligation capital improvement bonds pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended ("Act 34"), in an amount not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000), in one or more series, for the purpose of paying all or part of the cost of acquiring, constructing, furnishing and equipping improvements to the Township's sanitary sewer system, consisting generally of pump station improvements and generators, together with all necessary interests in land, and all related sites, structures, equipment, appurtenances and attachments thereto.

BOND DETAILS

SAID BONDS shall mature in annual installments not to exceed twenty-five (25) in number, with interest rates to be determined at a public or private sale but in no event to exceeding the maximum rate permitted by law on the unpaid balance from time to time remaining outstanding on said bonds.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS

THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF THE BONDS shall be payable from the general funds of the Township lawfully available for such purposes including property taxes levied within applicable constitutional and statutory tax rate limitations. The Township anticipates making debt service payments on the bonds from revenues received by the Township from the operation of its sanitary sewer system.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

THE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A VALID PETITION REQUESTING SUCH A VOTE SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWNSHIP IS FILED WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK WITHIN FORTY FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. IF SUCH PETITION IS FILED, THE BONDS MAY NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT AN APPROVING VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWNSHIP VOTING THEREON.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 517, Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

Robert E. Krug, Township Clerk
Charter Township of Fenton

**PUZZLE
ANSWER
KEYS**

King Crossword,
Wednesday Jumble,
Wednesday Sudoku
puzzles are located in
last Wednesday's issue.
All other puzzles are
throughout this edition.

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ANSWERS**

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**KING CROSSWORD
ANSWERS**

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**WEDNESDAY
JUMBLE
ANSWERS**

Jumbles:
SPURN, FLUTE,
WEAPON, NOVICE
Answer:
Easy to turn a
fifty into —
**A PEN AND
TWO FIVES**

**SUNDAY
JUMBLE
ANSWERS**

1. Bounce
2. Guide
3. Glance
4. Random
Word:
GARBAGE

**SUNDAY SUDOKU
ANSWERS**

9 4 1 5 6 8 2 7 3
7 8 5 2 3 1 4 9 6
2 6 3 7 4 9 5 1 8
1 7 8 4 9 6 3 2 5
4 3 2 1 7 5 8 6 9
6 5 9 8 2 3 7 4 1
8 9 7 3 1 4 6 5 2
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5 2 6 9 8 7 1 3 4

**WEDNESDAY SUDOKU
ANSWERS**

8 5 6 9 3 1 4 7 2
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5 3 8 7 2 9 6 1 4
1 7 9 6 4 5 2 8 3
2 9 4 3 1 7 5 6 8
6 1 5 8 9 2 3 4 7
7 8 3 4 5 6 1 2 9

HOT LINE CONTINUED

TODAY I HEARD on NPR that her family used 166 bottles of water just to make dinner, which is well over 15 gallons. Seems a little excessive and ridiculous. Where's the government? Why can't they get poly tanks and drop them off at each house?

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HOW MANY MORE people are going to be killed or seriously injured at the intersection of Old U.S. 23 and White Lake Road in Tyrone Township before the township or Livingston County Road Commission decide to do something about it?

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DUE TO THE new \$15 minimum wage laws in many places across the country, McDonald's has just announced it's going to put in self-service kiosks nationwide to employ fewer employees. Great job liberal Democrats and unions. Because of this, businesses will look to cut a number of employees.

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THE NEW SECRETARY of the treasury claims huge corporation tax cuts will create more jobs, which in turn will create more tax revenue for a middle class tax cut. When taking from Peter to pay Paul, it's always better to be Paul.

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I AM VERY impressed with the brilliant and successful people Trump is bringing into his administration. He continues to drain the swamp, also known as Washington, D.C. The Democrats brought back an original swamp creature as they made Pelosi minority leader.

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WHERE IS THE 'Welcome to Fenton' sign on Grange Hall Road by the church? It was there before they started building the church and I think it should be there after it's done. You have all the civic-minded groups to let you know who's active in Fenton. I know we spent a lot of money for that sign.

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TRUMP NOT A politician? For those who are afraid and didn't know what to do when he got in office, he's one of the greatest politicians we ever had, he's a super politician.

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TURNCOAT TRUMP. WHY is Trump backing out now and reneging even before he's in office on every promise that got him elected? He got a dose of reality. He realizes now that the president does not run this country. The one world order group runs this country.

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YOU KNEW WHEN you moved into your condo that there are rules. If you don't like it, move to Flint. You can leave your decorations up all year, have a few junk cars in the driveway, and trash all over the yard. We love it here.

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Grieving family struggles to come together after a death

DEAR AMY: My sister recently died suddenly. My husband does not like my late sister's husband. My mother invited my sister's husband to share our holiday dinner. I have a problem with him right now because after 35 years together (she even waited for him while he was in prison for more than a decade), he announced that he had met someone two months after my sister's death. We all believe he was dating this woman before my sister passed. Currently, my mother, brother-in-law and I are in grief therapy. Our counselor suggested we do things together that my sister liked, as a form of healing. My mother believes this could be an exercise for healing. My husband refuses to go and has said I am being disloyal to him if I go. He said I should put him before all of them. My husband and I have gotten into huge arguments over this and have even talked about divorce. I want to go to my mother's house to be with her after my sister's death, but I don't want my husband to be unhappy and alone, either. My husband knows the reason why I want to go to my mother's. I told him he is being controlling. I don't know what to do. I am torn and feel miserable. Your advice? — Torn and Miserable

DEAR TORN: My reaction is that you should share this dinner with your family and your husband should do this with you — for you. Including your late-sister's husband in this meal makes this challenging for everyone, but you can assume that this is likely the last holiday meal you will share with him, and if this helps you and your mother find peace with this huge loss, then your husband should try to be helpful. Yes, married couples should put one another at

the center of each other's lives. Right now, this applies to him. He should be kind and gentle toward you, even if it causes him some discomfort. I'm glad you are getting grief counseling, but I also think that a tension-filled holiday dinner is NOT necessarily going to help all of you. I think if you and your mother took a walk together and visited one of her favorite places together, this might help you both more than plowing through the awkwardness of this high-stakes holiday meal. You can say, "Honey, I'm hoping that you can do this for me. If you don't want to go, or if you don't think you can behave well, then it would be best for you to make other plans for that day. I'll be back by six and I'd be happy to bring you some pie."

DEAR AMY: How can older family members not feel guilty about stopping the extensive gift-giving that has evolved over the holiday season? My husband and I have been very generous to all of our children and their children. Our family has now swelled to massive numbers and it is overwhelming for us. Also, it must be noted that these family members hardly ever reciprocate or thank us. They don't remember our birthdays and gift-giving from them is very sporadic. — Overwhelmed

DEAR OVERWHELMED: Here's how you do it: You look back on your decades of generosity with pride, and you put the word out that from now on, you will focus on celebrating the holiday season through a shared meal and experiences together. I suggest you send out a group email with this message, and make some plans to attend seasonal concerts and services in your community. The time has come for you to enjoy the season in the way you want to.

Why is alcohol banned with antibiotics?

DEAR DR. ROACH: I'm confused about the medical rule not to drink any alcohol while on antibiotics. After doing Internet research on reputable sites, I found, to my surprise, that the overwhelming medical opinion is that moderate alcohol use does not render most antibiotics ineffective. I do understand that alcohol should not be used with specific antibiotics, e.g. Flagyl, because of adverse physical reactions. I read that the warning not to mix alcohol with antibiotics stems from doctors fearing patients taking antibiotics to cure STDs would have lowered inhibitions and engage in unprotected sex. Could you please set the record straight for the public on this subject? — K.L.

ANSWER: I never learned the rule that alcohol shouldn't be taken while on antibiotics,

with the exception of metronidazole (Flagyl), the combination of which causes extremely unpleasant nausea and vomiting, headache, shortness of breath and other symptoms. This reaction can happen to a lesser extent with sulfamethoxazole (a component of Bactrim or Septra) as well as other, less commonly used antibiotics such as tinidazole and some cephalosporins. The antituberculosis drug isoniazid can cause liver damage in combination with excess alcohol. In general, if you are sick enough to need antibiotics, it is prudent to avoid alcohol, and certainly to avoid excess alcohol. But alcohol does not render antibiotics ineffective. Preventing STDs is much better than treating them, since not all can be cured. Part of being sexually responsible is making good decisions. You are correct that people are more likely to make unwise decisions with even moderate amounts of alcohol. That's true with or without antibiotics.

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Twice Baked Chicken Enchilada Sweet Potatoes

- INGREDIENTS**
- 3 whole medium-sized sweet potatoes, washed and scrubbed
 - Olive oil
 - ½ onion, diced
 - 2 cooked chicken breast, sliced into 1-inch small pieces
 - 2 cloves garlic, minced
 - 1 small red bell pepper, diced
 - 1 small orange/yellow bell pepper, diced
 - 1 small green bell pepper, diced
 - ½ can black beans, washed and rinsed
 - ½ tsp ground cumin
 - 1 tsp. sweet (or smoked) paprika
 - 1 can red Enchilada Sauce
 - 1 cup shredded Mexican cheese (or cheddar or mozzarella cheese)
 - 1 lime, juiced
 - ¼ cup coriander
 - Handful of cilantro leaves, chopped
 - Extra lime wedges - to serve
 - 1 Avocado, diced - to serve, optional
 - Salsa - to serve, optional



INSTRUCTIONS
Wrap sweet potatoes in one piece of paper towel and microwave on high for 10 minutes. Remove carefully from microwave and pierce all over with a fork, wrap again and microwave for a further 5-10 minutes or until soft (if the centers are still a little hard, don't worry they will continue to cook in the oven later). While the sweet potatoes are cooking, heat a small amount of oil to a pan over medium heat; add the onions. Once transparent (about 1-2 minutes), add the chicken, garlic and peppers. Cook until the garlic is fragrant. Add the seasonings and continue cooking until chicken is completely coated in the seasonings. Mix in the beans and enchilada sauce. Remove the sweet potatoes from the microwave and allow them to cool for about 5 minutes until they are just warm enough to handle then carefully slice them in half. Use a spoon to scoop out the flesh of the potatoes, leaving 1cm 'wall' inside the skin. Transfer the flesh into a medium-sized mixing bowl, setting the skins aside. Add the chicken fajita mixture to the flesh in the bowl; mix it through until completely combined. Stir in the lime juice and half of the cheese. Arrange the skins on the same baking tray/sheet, and stuff them with the fajita sweet potato mixture. Sprinkle with cheese and the cilantro leaves. Put them back into the oven for 15-20 minutes until cheese is bubbling and starting to brown. Serve with any leftover cilantro leaves, lime wedges, avocado pieces and salsa if desired.

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