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Keepin' up with the Joneses

■ Former residents
Tom and Rochelle Jones
trade careers for life
on the open road

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Tom and Rochelle Jones moved from Fenton to Ann Arbor two years ago, the first step in their plan to downsize their lives to live their dreams of early retirement and travel around the country.

Their dreams are taking them behind the wheel of a new fifth wheel motor home for at least one year, while they explore a work-free lifestyle of driving, hiking and adventure.

Tom, 53, took a leave of absence from his 18-year career as an engineering manager at Chrysler, after considering his options for retiring early. "I was tired of working 12 hours a day," he said. "I read a few blogs and thought, maybe I don't have to work 'til I'm 70; there's another way to live."

Meanwhile, Rochelle, 54, tied up the loose ends of her job as membership coordinator for the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Regional Chamber of Commerce, a similar job she had held at the Fenton Area Regional Chamber for many years.

Following blogs from others who have followed this same path, the Joneses packed up their 33-foot fifth-wheel and pulled out of Michigan on Oct. 3, staying mostly at state and national parks toward their first destination of Pensacola, Florida, where their oldest son, Tommy, was training in the Navy.

Their next long-term stop will be in San Diego, California, where Tommy is now stationed. Their youngest son, Nick, is stationed in North Carolina with the Army.



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The inside of the RV is so comfortable that the couple say they really aren't lonesome for home yet.

In between, the traveling duo has logged about 250 to 400 miles per week as they head west. Right now, they are enjoying New Mexico, after spending almost a month in Texas — a state which they really loved because of all the different terrains and topography.

"Who knew there were mountains in Texas?" said Tom. "We thought we were going to get stuck there in the upper elevations with snow."

For the winter, the couple is planning to stick around California, Nevada and New Mexico. They hope to take advantage of boon-docking: RV camping on federally owned land for 14 days at a time, essentially for free.

"In order to make this work long-term, we've got to keep our lodging costs down," said Tom.

One of the challenges early in

this adventure has been to remember that this is not a vacation; this is their life.

"For the first two months, it has felt like a vacation, so you're tempted to do all the things you do on vacation, like eat out, visit attractions," said Rochelle. "We're trying not to do all that, but still finding the fun. You have to be creative."

One of their favorite spots has been Big Ben National Park in Texas, because of a spectacular 12½-mile hike. A more challenging excitement was Rochelle's recent encounter with a rattlesnake.

A key to successful long-term RV'ing is to get along with your spouse, when you're together 24 hours a day. "You can't just take off, because there's no place to go," said Rochelle.

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Tom Jones
RV traveler



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Tom and Rochelle Jones pose for a photo at Big Bend Ranch State Park in Texas, where the movie "Fandango" was filmed.

nication skills," added Tom.

Another interesting challenge was preparing Thanksgiving dinner in their RV, while camping in Texas. "It took three hours to cook a turkey tenderloin in our camper oven, plus cheesy potatoes and other side casseroles," said Rochelle.

Cooking, cleaning and dish-

washing are Rochelle's domain, while Tom handles the mechanical side of the RV and driving.

The Joneses don't know exactly where this RV travel will take them in the future, but it has taught them both that the world is full of possibilities.

"If you want to do it, you can do it," said Rochelle.



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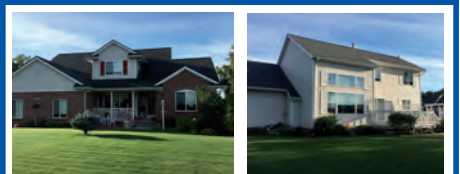
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Just sayin...

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There is always hope

On July 28, 1974, I married my high school sweetheart. Denis and I had dated throughout our senior year of high school. After graduation in 1970, we continued dating and had great fun.

Our first apartment was in a complex adjacent to a shopping center. At the corner of that shopping center was a dance club called 'Haymakers.' We could hear the live music from our balcony. Sometimes we would go down to the bar for a few drinks and listen to a new band called 'Cheap Trick.' Perhaps you've heard of them.

About six months after our nice church wedding, Denis did a 'Jekyll and Hyde' on me and to this day, I have no idea why. He became violent, not physically at first, but he had a sharp tongue that cut me to the quick. I became an emotional basket case and was always worried that something I might say or do would set him off, because it often did.

Although he didn't attack me physically (except once), he would get so angry that he would destroy everything in our apartment — furniture, dishes, pictures on the wall — anything he could get his hands on. He even took his own glasses off and smashed them into smithereens under his shoe.

I sometimes wished he would hit me because bruises eventually heal — emotional scars do not.

He did, of course, always apologize. I always forgave him and life moved on, until the next time. It got to the point where I was happy when he would go out for the night with his friends. I did worry though when he didn't come home, often sick to my stomach, that he was in an accident or something equally as terrible. After a while though, it got to the point where I

would worry that if he did die in an accident, would I be able to pretend like the grieving wife. Nice, huh?

One Christmas morning, Denis came into the bedroom where I was getting dressed, pulled back a closed fist and punched me in the face (that's the once I mentioned above). Why? Because he didn't want to spend the day with my family. We did go to my parents' house, but I never said anything. I never said anything to anyone about what was going on — that was the problem. No one knew what I was going through.

After he hit me, I knew that this was never going to change and I had to get out — because if I didn't he might kill me some day. With the help of my family and some good friends, I did get out.

I rarely talk about this, but I am telling the story today because we're in the midst of the holidays again, a time when depression rears its ugly head for many people. Some of our news stories of late show that there are people hurting out there.

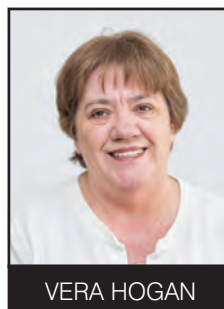
I want people in that emotional, mental place to know that there is hope. There is life after abuse, there is life after every horrible situation you may be going through.

Had I not finally broke my silence and confided in family and friends, I would not be where I am today, happily married to Mike Hogan for nearly 29 years, and stepmother and mother to four adult sons of whom I am very proud.

Since leaving Denis, I was able to travel extensively. I also have enjoyed three very different and successful careers in my lifetime, including the one I have now. I could go on and on, but rest assured, my life is good.

So, no matter how bad and hopeless your life seems today, that's how good it can be if you allow — force yourself to confide in someone and get the help you need. If you know of someone who you suspect needs help, please reach out to them.

There is always hope!



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Business briefs

WELLBRIDGE OF FENTON RECEIVES 5-STAR RATING

Wellbridge of Fenton has recently obtained a 5-star rating, the highest possible, from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The rating is based on recent health inspections, facility staffing and quality measures. "I am extremely proud of all our staff for their hard work and dedication. We look forward to continuing to provide quality services to the Fenton community," said Ryan Michelson, executive director. Located at 901 Pine Creek Dr. in Fenton, Wellbridge of Fenton is a 100-bed, state-of-the-art skilled nursing facility specializing in short-term rehabilitation. Features include private suites, physical, occupational speech therapies seven days a week, along with a full-service salon, chef prepared meals and Starbucks coffee. Call (810) 616-4100 to schedule a tour or stop by and experience their EPIC services.

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medical insights

Where do you buy your medicine?

■ New app shows where prescription drug users can get the best price

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The following, according to webmd.com, are the top prescribed and purchased drugs in America.

Where people buy their medications often depends on where they can get them at the best price, especially if their insurance doesn't cover all or part of the cost.

GoodRX

There is a free app that prescription drug users may want to check out on their smartphones. It's called GoodRX, and can also be accessed online at goodrx.com.

The app allows users to see which retailer and/or pharmacy has the best prices on particular prescription drugs.

For example, the lowest prices for the Advair Diskus, which is used by millions of asthma and COPD sufferers, are at:

Target = \$350.68 (with free online coupon). Estimated cash price is \$415.

Walgreens = \$352.42 (with free online coupon). Estimated cash price is \$402.

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This was just one example of prescription drugs listed at GoodRX or goodrx.com.

The top 10 medications by number of monthly prescriptions are:

- 1 **Synthroid** (levothyroxine), 21.5 million
- 2 **Crestor** (rosuvastatin), 21.4 million
- 3 **Ventolin HFA** (albuterol), 18.2 million
- 4 **Nexium** (esomeprazole), 15.2 million
- 5 **Advair Diskus** (fluticasone), 13.7 million
- 6 **Lantus Solostar** (insulin glargine), 10.9 million
- 7 **Vyvanse** (lisdexamfetamine), 10.4 million
- 8 **Lyrica** (pregabalin), 10.0 million
- 9 **Spiriva Handihaler** (tiotropium), 9.6 million
- 10 **Januvia** (sitagliptin), 9.1 million

The top 10 meds by sales are:

- 1 **Humira** (adalimumab), \$8.2 billion
- 2 **Abilify** (aripiprazole), \$7.9 billion
- 3 **Sovaldi** (sofosbuvir), \$6.9 billion
- 4 **Crestor** (rosuvastatin), \$5.9 billion
- 5 **Enbrel** (etanercept), \$5.9 billion
- 6 **Harvoni** (ledipasvir and sofosbuvir), \$5.3 billion
- 7 **Nexium** (esomeprazole), \$5.3 billion
- 8 **Advair Diskus** (fluticasone), \$4.7 billion
- 9 **Lantus Solostar** (insulin glargine), \$4.7 billion
- 10 **Remicade** (infliximab), \$4.6 billion

Are you affected by SAD?

■ Seasonal Affective Disorder affects 10 million Americans

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Also known as SAD, Seasonal Affective Disorder is a type of depression related to the change in seasons, specifically winter.

Affecting 10 million Americans, this disorder upsets a person's circadian rhythm, and serotonin and melatonin levels, according to psychologytoday.com.

Starting in the fall when daylight becomes more scarce, this disorder takes a lot of energy from people, making them feel moody or sad. It also causes a lack of interest in their usual activities, decreased concentration of abilities, and can cause changes in appetite or weight, according to mayoclinic.com. These symptoms are tied to getting less sunlight and a vitamin D deficiency.

While it's more common during winter, this

disorder affects people in the summer as well. Their symptoms may include depression, trouble sleeping, weight loss, poor appetite, and agitation or anxiety.

SAD is more common in women than men, and more common in younger people. Mayo Clinic suggests going to your doctor if you suffer from SAD, especially if you experience trouble sleeping or weight loss or gain.

Here are treatments known to counteract the effects of SAD.

Light therapy

In what's also called phototherapy, a patient will sit a few feet from a special light therapy box with a bright light. This tricks your body into thinking it's getting more sunlight. It should start working in a few days to two weeks, and is known to be a safe and effective way to deal with the disorder.

Drugs

The antidepressant bupropion is popular for people suffering from SAD. A doctor may recommend you begin taking the pill before your symptoms start. These antidepressants may take a few weeks to be effective.

Psychotherapy

Psychotherapy, also called talk therapy, can help someone identify and change negative thoughts and behaviors, learn healthy ways to cope with SAD, and help someone develop healthy ways to manage stress.



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2016 HOLIDAY GIFT Guide



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Make holiday shopping excursions special

As they fulfill the social obligations of the holiday season, many people find themselves spending less time at home. Consumer Reports notes that individuals spend a great deal of time shopping for gifts come the holiday season. Americans engage in 15 hours of shopping on average, with women spending twice as long as their male counterparts (20 hours versus 10). In addition, the average person devotes 10 or more hours to wrapping and returning gifts.

Holiday shopping can monopolize people's time away from home during the months of November and December, and some shoppers wonder how they become so disconnected from other activities, including family time, that they cherish throughout the rest of the year. One way to tackle holiday

shopping without sacrificing time with family and friends is to make holiday shopping a social event.

- **Invite friends or family** along. Recreate the days of your youth when it was fun to meet friends at the mall and scour the shops. Plan a meeting location and have an itinerary in place. Divide shopping lists so that everyone shares the task of shopping and fatigue doesn't set in prematurely.

- **Make lunch or dinner** part of the day. Incorporate refueling into your shopping plans. Failure to eat or drink can



lead to hunger pangs and test shoppers' patience, two factors that are seldom conducive to successful shopping. Having an end goal to meet friends or family at a nearby restaurant — even a dining location right within the mall — can inspire intrepid shoppers to get their work done promptly. Reward yourself for a job well done over a tasty meal and maybe a cocktail. Just be sure to indulge responsibly.

- **Break up the day** with a flick. Many malls also play home to movie theaters. Plan your shopping around the movie schedule so you can take a

two-hour break to rest and relax in the theater. Chances are you'll come out of the film relaxed, refreshed and ready to tackle the rest of your shopping list.

- **Make it a date night.** The thought of shopping may not conjure up ideas of romance, but if time is short, couples can use shopping excursions as an opportunity to spend time together. Visit a coffee shop or a bar for a nightcap afterward and enjoy some one-on-one time. Parents can enlist the help of a babysitter to keep children entertained while they enjoy some uninterrupted time with each other.

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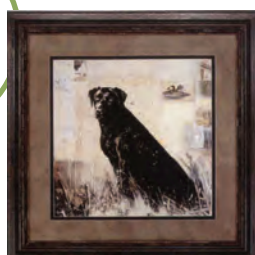
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HOW TO MAKE GIFT *wrapping* EASIER

While holiday shoppers are often enthusiastic about finding great gifts for their loved ones, many are decidedly less excited about wrapping those gifts. Many holiday shoppers spend hours wrapping gifts each year, and as gift lists grow, so does the amount of time needed to get all of those presents wrapped, hidden, packaged and/or shipped. Shoppers can employ the following strategies to make the process go much more smoothly and to reduce gift wrap-related anxiety.

- **Relearn the basics.** Some people may think they know how to wrap gifts,

only to realize it's harder than it looks once the paper, scissors and Scotch tape comes out. Relearn the basics by viewing online tutorials prior to wrapping gifts so the lessons learned remain fresh in your mind. Learn how to wrap standard clothing gift boxes and recognize that such boxes can often be used to house oddly-shaped items.

- **Wrap as you buy.** Instead of getting bogged down with wrapping all in one evening, wrap presents as you purchase them. This ensures that you don't leave everything for the last minute and reduces the likelihood that curious kids or inquisitive spouses discover gifts before the big day.
- **Work on a hard surface.** It may be tempting to lay everything out on your bed and wrap gifts while you're binge-watching the latest Netflix series. But hard surfaces make the best places to wrap gifts. This ensures there won't be any wrinkles in the paper and that you won't lose supplies in the bedspread.
- **Rely on double-sided tape.** For that professional look, invest in some double-sided tape so you will not have any unsightly tape lines.
- **Keep all of your supplies together.** Store wrapping paper, scissors, tags, tape, ribbons, and whatever else you may need to wrap gifts in one convenient location. This cuts down on time wasted hunting for supplies around the house.
- **Draw on plain** gift boxes. Make your own "wrapped gifts" by drawing or stenciling on plain gift boxes if you're short on time.
- **Identify recipients by** gift wrap. Designate one gift wrap for each person on your shopping list. This way you can easily distinguish one person's gifts from another's. This can keep things more organized when sorting and visiting with friends and relatives later on.
- **Keep gift bags** on hand. Gift bags work in a pinch and make it easy to conceal gifts that are hard to wrap. Curious loved ones can easily peak inside gift bags, so be sure to wrap gifts in tissue paper before placing them in the bags.
- **Less is usually more.** Do not use too much paper when wrapping; otherwise, you will be left with bulky, sloppy folds. Before trimming the gift wrap from the roll, check that it overlaps the ends of the box by just a couple of inches. A sturdy paper will help you achieve crisper folds and prevent tears when wrapping. For the simplest wrapping design, try kraft paper (brown mailing paper), which can be dressed up with ribbons, cutouts or stamps.

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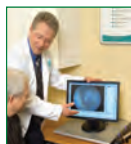
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Mantles adorned with garland and other holiday trinkets make fireplaces come alive for Christmas. That magic is only enhanced by hanging Christmas stockings, which are just waiting to be filled with goodies for good girls and boys. Those without a fireplace often hang stockings from windowsills and stairway banisters.

No written record exists to explain the origin of hanging stockings on fireplace mantles. Despite this, many people link the tradition to a tale about St. Nicholas. As that story goes, St. Nicholas was traveling through a village when he overheard the plight of three women. They were poor, and their father could not afford an ample dowry to marry them off. Rather than have them end up spinsters, St. Nicholas secretly tossed bags of coins through a window (or down the chimney, depending on which version of the story you read or hear), and they were captured

in the girls' stockings hanging to dry by the fire. The family was overjoyed to have received such riches.

Soon news traveled about the mysterious money in stockings, and other children left out stockings for St. Nicholas to capture their own gifts.

The tradition has transformed over the years, and now many children hang stockings by the chimney with the expectation that the stockings will be filled with gifts from Santa. Traditions once suggested that only gifts from Santa were left in stockings, while gifts placed beneath the tree were from family, but that has since changed. Stockings are now meant to hold small gifts while larger items are placed under the tree.

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At their meeting of December 5, 2016 the Fenton Township Board took the following actions relative to ordinances:

1. Adopted Ordinance No. 614-16, an updated Vehicle Code Ordinance.
2. Conducted the first reading of a proposed Waterways & Marine Safety Ordinance.

The second reading of the proposed ordinance will be conducted at the December 19, 2016 Fenton Township Board meeting.

A complete copy of the adopted and proposed ordinances may be obtained at the office of the Fenton Township Clerk, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430. The ordinances are also available on Fenton Township's website at www.fentontownship.org.

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NOTICE ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS December 13, 2016 BOARD OF REVIEW

The Argentine Township Board of Review will hold its December meeting as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, December 13, 2016

TIME: 10:00 A.M.
PLACE: Argentine Township Hall
9048 Silver Lake Road
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Rose Township Planning Commission will meet on Thursday January 5, 2017 at 7:30 PM in the Rose Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan 48442.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider and receive comments on the following application:

Special Land Use for Chaille Tower Consultants for Parallel Infra structure, installation of wireless communication facility, monopole tower (175 feet overall) at 2375 E Rose Center Road (06-36-301-003)

Comments in writing will be accepted until the date and time of the hearing and should be submitted to the Office of the Rose Township Clerk, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan, 48442.

A copy of the aforementioned application is available for inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. at the Township Clerk's office, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan until and including the day of the hearing. Handicapped persons needing assistance to attend the meeting should contact the Rose Township Clerk at (248) 634-8701 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

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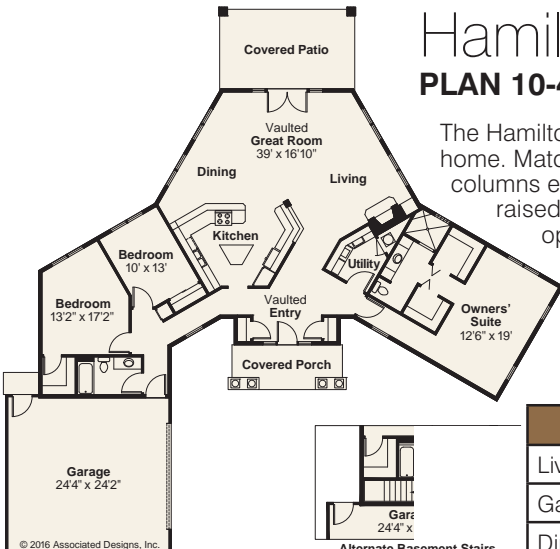
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Hamilton PLAN 10-446

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Hamilton	
Living Area	2161 sq. ft.
Garage	615 sq. ft.
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SundaySudoku

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■ Choose the right product to remove ice buildup, and don't forget a sturdy shovel

By Sally Rummel
news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

One of the many hazards of winter is as close to your home as your sidewalk. Slippery sidewalks have been the cause of many broken bones, nasty bruises and even death, due to hazardous conditions. Using the right products, plus giving your best effort with a shovel, will be your most effective way to remove ice buildup.

The most commonly used deicer

Rock salt, with a formal name of sodium chloride, is the most commonly used deicer in the United States, especially on roadways where 17 million pounds is distributed on roads every year.

They work on the chemistry principle that salt water has a lower freezing point than fresh water. As the salts dissolve, they seep down to form a liquid layer underneath the ice, allowing the ice to be easily removed.

While it's the cheapest deicing material on the market, it only works down to 15 degrees F., is damaging to concrete and plants, and is unhealthy for pets.

Other deicing products that are more eco-friendly include sand, gravel and kitty litter.

When it comes to using deicers, less is more. Use them sparingly, as throwing

more down won't melt ice any faster. Don't forget that shoveling is still the greenest method of snow and ice removal.

Here are a few tips to remove ice:

- Tip #1:** Use the minimum amount of deicer. Remember, it's only supposed to break the bond to make shoveling easier; it's not supposed to melt it all. First, shovel as much ice and snow as possible, then apply the salt.
- Tip #2:** Sprinkle early. The sooner you apply an ice removal product, the better. At the first sign of snow or ice, sprinkle a thin layer on sidewalks and steps to prevent a sticky buildup.
- Tip #3:** Check effectiveness. The ice should begin to melt within 15 to 30 minutes. If it isn't melting, the temperature may be too low for the deicer to be effective.
- Tip #4:** Pellets vs. liquid. Pellets or crystals are best for applying on top of ice, so they can melt their way straight down. Liquids are best applied as preventative measures.
- Tip #5:** Be aware of risks. Deicers and anti-icers can be harmful to humans, pets and your lawn, especially if they are over-applied. They can also interfere with the freeze-thaw cycles in concrete, damaging your driveway. The liquid layer can increase rusting of iron and steel. Use sparingly and apply properly.

Source: todayshomeowner.com

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AS THE SAVING
GOES...

ACROSS

1 Capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina

9 Super deals

15 Stage backdrop

20 Aired in installments

21 Martial arts instructor

22 City near Dallas

23 Focus applied when covering a surface with concrete?

25 Styx setting

26 Ill, to Italians

27 Jai —

28 Solo in sci-fi

29 Hanker for

30 Prefix for tax or charge

32 College between two hills?

36 Suggest

39 Puts forward as fact

40 Bakery decorator

41 Try to be like

43 "Pinball Wizard" band

46 Shrek is one

50 Great review from the wife of George Washington?

53 Scandianavian king's lubricant?

56 Certain iPad

57 German coin

58 Harvest yield

60 Crooner Vic

61 Tailor, e.g.

63 Cut, as a 58-Across

65 Hitter Gehrig

66 Cause trouble to

67 Question to an animal doc at an amusement park?

71 Star, e.g.

73 "Illmatic" rapper

74 Drop-leaf table

75 Chief city of the Ruhr

78 Butlers

80 Ruby and scarlet

81 See 31-Down

83 Crooner Perry

84 Caesar's hail to a mariner?

86 Buck that's toiling away?

88 Enumeration

89 Loafer liner

92 Grand Slam tennis events

93 Completely engrossed

96 President before Bush

99 — lance (pit viper variety)

100 Seamstress who was Adam's mate?

105 Downed

106 Italian cry at a dinner table

107 Canon — (camera line)

108 Caspian Sea feeder

110 "Attack, mutt!"

113 Not as young

114 Tennis great Rod who keeps every-one safe?

119 Pixar figures

120 "In this way"

121 1970s-90s carrier to Lima

122 Collagist Max

123 Positive responses

124 Eased up on

DOWN

1 Month after Aug.

2 On — with (equal to)

3 Paris' — Gauche

4 "— already said ..."

5 Actor Voight

6 First name of Poe

7 Perfumery bottle

8 6x9-inch book size

9 One-eighty from NNW

10 "X" amount

11 Psych up

12 Like a Thai

13 Téa on TV

14 Moral error

15 Ball

16 School unit

17 Arm bones

18 Nonreactive

19 Amble along

24 Aunts, in

29 Month after Nov.

30 More briny

31 With 81-Across, Beehive State

33 Lo-fat

34 Suffix of ordinals

35 Cello forerunner

36 "Byzantium" actress Arterton

37 AOL letter

38 Hip-hop DJ's equipment

39 Scrutinizes

42 — kwon do (martial art)

44 Carpenter's adhesive

45 Clued in

47 Is a little too proud of

48 Queen in a sari

49 Stunt master Knivesel

51 Boot part

52 Sailors, say

54 Take too much of, for short

55 Member of an early-1900s art movement

58 Debt memos

59 Director Clair

62 "— Cop" (1988 film)

64 Commercial on the tube

65 Olympic sled course

68 "How — to know?"

69 Celebration

70 Jailbreaker

71 Indy path

72 Shankar on the sitar

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77 Scandianavian

79 Hormones in some replacement therapies

80 Harry Potter pal Weasley

82 Draft inits.

85 Its cap. is Vilnius

86 Kaput

87 Toss high up

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94 Something novel

95 Sch. org.

97 Supply that's too abundant

98 Operating skyward

100 Theatricalize

101 Courage

102 Finish with

103 Weird

104 Out-of-the-way corners

105 Bygone Olds

109 Bygone Chevy

110 Swedish film shooter Nykvist

111 French noun suffix

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PUBLIC NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS DECEMBER 5, 2016

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday December 5, 2016 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

1. Trustee Goupil offered the opening prayer.
2. Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
3. Approved the agenda as amended.
4. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of \$149,995.39.
5. Conducted a public hearing on the proposed 2017 Fenton Township Budget.
6. Adopted Resolution No. 2016-25, formally adopting the 2017 Fenton Township Budget.
7. Postponed action on a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to revise the PUD conditions for the redevelopment of the former Lang's Marina property.
8. Adopted Ordinance No. 614-16 a new Vehicle Code Ordinance.
9. Conducted the first reading of a proposed Waterways & Marine Safety Ordinance.
10. Approved the sale of tax-reverted property, (common area in the Lakeside Acres subdivision), to the Lakeside Acres Subdivision Association.
11. Adopted Resolution No. 2016-26, formally accepting four tax-reverted parcels of land from the Genesee County Treasurer.
12. Adopted Resolution No. 2016-27, a memorial for former Fenton Township Trustee and Treasurer Patrick J. Carmody.
13. Adjourned at 8:57 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 through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

TYRONE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS HELD DECEMBER 6, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.

1. Present: Supervisor Mike Cunningham, Treasurer Marna Bunting-Smith, Clerk Marcella Husted, Trustees David Walker, Soren Pedersen, Chuck Schultz and Al Pool.
2. Approved the agenda as presented; approved the consent agenda as presented.
3. Received and placed on file Communications #1-4 as presented.
4. Discussed the need for insurance coverage in case of a data breach.
5. Approved the boundary realignment request for the Severns property on Runyan Lake Point.
6. Accepted the semi-annual HVAC Systems Preventative Maintenance Agreement with Macklin Mechanical for the cost of \$780 per year.
7. Approved the Supervisor's appointments of Cam Gonzalez to the Planning Commission (term expires 8/31/2019) and Al Pool as the Board's ex-officio member to the Planning Commission (term expires 11/20/2020).
8. Approved the Supervisor's appointments of Tam Lantzy, John Wiese, Eugene Rodgers, and Cam Gonzalez (alternate) to the Board of Review for 2 year terms to expire 12/31/2018.
9. Authorized the updates of the township's office wireless firewall and security subscriptions for the cost of \$1,259.00.
10. Established the office holiday schedule.
11. Adopted Resolution #161201 to opt-out of the Senate Bill # health insurance provision for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.
12. Adopted the 2017 sewer O&M rates of \$219.25/quarter for grinder systems, \$205.65/quarter for gravity systems, and \$8.28/gallon for commercial.
13. Authorized the 2017 summer tax collection for the schools districts.
14. Agreed to let the township hall be a Pet Pantry year-round collection site.
15. Discussed the preliminary budget for 2017-2018.
16. Adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

The minutes of all regular and special Tyrone Township Board Meetings are on file and may be reviewed at the Tyrone Township Clerk's office, 10408 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and online at www.tyronetownship.us. The next regular meeting of the Tyrone Township Board will be held on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

Marcella Husted,
Tyrone Township Clerk

PUZZLE ANSWER KEYS

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

WEDNESDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS

Jumbles:
PLAIT, UTTER,
SCRIBE, CANDID
Answer: When their
team lost the big game,
the home crowd was —
IN "TIERS"

SUPER CROSSWORD ANSWERS

SARAJEVO STEALS SCRIM
EPISODIC SENSEI PLANO
PAVINGATTENTIONHADES
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SURVALEUNIVERSITY
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KING CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Solution time: 21 mins.

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ADEN HEAD LOCK
LOCK JAW ROPES
LOB GEM
BERET JAWBONE
IDO FOG BEE
BONEDRY IBSEN
XI I ACE
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WALL UNIT AREA
ALOT ADS IMAN
YEWS BOY LYRE

SUNDAY SUDOKU ANSWERS

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

WEDNESDAY SUDOKU ANSWERS

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

SUNDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS

1. Prudent
 2. Askew
 3. Usher
 4. Appear
- Word:
WEATHER

Obituaries

Times

John Slivko

John Slivko - age 68, died December 4, 2016. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Carl Moore

Carl Moore - age 82, died December 6, 2016. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Mary Donnelly

Mary Donnelly - age 90, died December 6, 2016. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



James Spees

James Spees - age 51, died December 5, 2016. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Bruce Steinhaus

Bruce Steinhaus - age 71, died December 5, 2016. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Jared Serra

Jared Serra - age 16, died December 2, 2016. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Karl Crigger

Karl Crigger - age 54, died December 8, 2016. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Leon Bohms

Leon Bohms - age 85, died December 8, 2016. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Joseph Minniear

Joseph Minniear - age 92, died December 3, 2016. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Roxanne Jackson

Roxanne Jackson - age 64, died December 2, 2016. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Betty Staroba

Betty Staroba - age 93, died December 5, 2016. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Paul Heying

Paul Heying - age 92, died December 3, 2016. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Ronald E. Liddle 1932-2016

Ronald E. Liddle - age 84, of Fenton, died December 4, 2016. He was born in St. Johns, MI on April 18, 1932 to Walter and Helen (Barrett) Liddle. Mr. Liddle was a Korean War veteran, serving in the US Army. He was a loving husband and father who was deeply loved by his family and friends. He is survived by his son David (Lisa) Liddle; twin daughters Ronda Sue Morris and Linda Faith (Al) Widing; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and special friend Beverly Hice. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Edwina Faith, whom he loved and adored and his brother, Bob Liddle. Committal services and military honors will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to Reverence Hospice. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

Nelson Price 1930-2016

Nelson Price - age 86, of Fenton, died Tuesday, December 6, 2016. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Monday, December 12, 2016 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Pastor Jeff Jaggers officiating. Burial in Tyrone Memory Gardens, Fenton. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Sunday, December 11, 2016 from 5-8 PM and Monday from 10 AM until the time of the service. Those desiring may make contributions to Fenton United Methodist Church, Food Pantry or the Fenton Lions Club. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Carl William Roesler Jr. 1959-2016

Carl William Roesler Jr. - age 57, of Linden, died December 5, 2016. Private



services will be held at a later date. Those desiring may make contributions

to the American Cancer Society. Carl was born January 11, 1959 in Detroit, the son of Carl William and Shannon (Nesmith) Roesler. He worked with his parents at City Auto Glass in Livonia for many years, then went on to start his own woodworking business Carl's Artistic Accents. Carl was a trim carpenter by trade but his many talents excelled with everything he did. He enjoyed working on motorcycles and was always there to lend a hand to anyone in need. He loved spending time with his daughter and grandchildren. He is survived by his loving, devoted wife, Karen; daughter, Nicole who strived to be like him and husband Nick Traywick; grandchildren, Tyler and Alexis; sister, Catherine Grassmyer. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Kimberly Cox

Kimberly Cox - age 49, died December 2, 2016. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Dorothy J. Widing 1925-2016

Dorothy J. Widing - age 91 of Linden, formerly of Mio, died December 8, 2016. Funeral services will be



held at 1 PM Monday, December 12, 2016 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly

with Pastor Daniel Ferraz officiating. Burial will be in Crestwood Memorial Cemetery, Grand Blanc. Visitation will be from 11 AM until the time of the service on Monday. Mrs. Widing was born in Pontiac on August 15, 1925 to John and Ethel Moyle. She was a member of the Mio Seventh Day Adventist Church and active in the Dorcas Society. She was a big supporter of her husband's canoeing career and has made over 150 afghans. Surviving are her husband, Albert Widing Sr.; six children, Carol Cowan of KS, Judy (Lonnice) Sedge of GA, Beverly (Richard) Rowbotham of Battle Creek, Albert (Linda) Widing Jr., Galen (Kimberly Melton-Widing) Widing of Fenton, and Brenda (Dennis) Puskas of Fenton; 18 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Beverly DeYoung and Barbara Hall. She was preceded in death by her sisters, Mary Lou Pyke and Emma Rhyndress; and brother, Tom Moyle. Memorial donations may be made to the Mio Seventh Day Adventist Church. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

Jamie Jacobs

Jamie Jacobs - age 49, died December 2, 2016. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Wilma Geraldine Francis

1928-2016

Wilma Geraldine Francis - age 88, of Fenton, went to be in the loving arms of her



savior, Jesus Christ, Thursday, December 8, 2016. Funeral Mass will be cel-

ebrated 10:30 AM Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. Fr. David Harvey celebrant. Burial in St. John Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be held at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton, Tuesday, December 13, 2016 from 3-8 PM where a vigil service will be held at 7:30 PM and at church Wednesday from 10 AM until the time of Mass. Those desiring may make contributions to World Vision or St. John Catholic Church-Chapel Restoration. Wilma was born April 20, 1928 in Owosso, the daughter of Mark and Faith (Wykes) Sturgis. She was a 1947 graduate of Fenton High School. She married Noel M. Francis August 16, 1947 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton and he preceded her in death March 9, 2005. Wilma retired in 1982 from Citizens Bank after 27 years of service. She had resided in Fenton most of her life and had spent 18 years in Hot Springs Village, in Arkansas during her retirement. She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Loose Senior Citizen Center in Linden, and the Daughter's of the American Revolution. Wilma was quoted as saying, "Can you imagine anything greater than dancing with Jesus". She is survived by: daughter, Lynn (Gary) Rashleigh of Toledo, OH; son, Bradley (Christina) Francis of Gaines; daughter-in-law, Liz Francis of Brownsville, TX; grandchildren, Charles (Imelda) Francis, Andrea (Michael) Bavineau, Angela (Joel) Anderson, Michael Francis, Monica Lape, Tim Rashleigh, and Jessica Francis; and great-grandchildren, Michael Arteaga, Michaela and Matthew Arteaga-Francis, Michael J. Francis III, Ethan Noel, Madeline, Aiden, and Sofia Lape, Jack, Charlie, and Ellyn Francis, Ryleigh and Cal Bavineau, and Lucas, Brandon, and Samuel Anderson. She was also preceded in death by her parents; grandson, Joshua Francis; sisters, Freda Burlingame, Lois Easton, and Ilene Howe. The family wishes to extend a special thank you to Denise Fortune of Reverence Hospice, for her loving care given to our mother. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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When it comes to invitations it's time to ditch 'Debbie downer'

DEAR AMY: I have a former friend, "Debbie." Our friendship ended due to her constant criticism, gossiping, backstabbing and passive-aggressive behavior toward my family. She does this to everyone, not just us. Over the years, Debbie was very critical (behind our backs) of us homeschooling our daughters and our family hobby of playing music. So when we hosted an elaborate homeschool graduation ceremony, concert and party for my daughters a few years ago, we did not invite her, thinking that she would not be interested, since she disapproved of our homeschooling and my daughters' musical performances. When Debbie heard about our graduation party, she sent each of my daughters a check for \$100 (money is no obstacle to her) as graduation gifts. After we received the checks, we felt that we had to send her an invitation, but we later regretted this when she wrote a nasty letter criticizing our daughters' music performances and circulated it among our friends (a friend gave us a copy of the letter). Now one of my daughters is about to get engaged. We don't want to invite her to the wedding, but we are afraid that she will do the same thing she did regarding the graduation party, that is, send an expensive gift in order to force us to send her an invitation. She might even go so far as to invite herself to a wedding shower hosted by another mutual friend, or even co-host a wedding shower with one of our mutual friends. So my question is, how do my daughter and I handle it if she tries to force an invitation to my daughter's wedding by sending a gift or co-hosting a shower? Are we obligated to send her an

invitation if she sends a gift and/or hosts a wedding shower without our asking?
— Wondering

ASK

Amy

BY AMY DICKINSON



AMY DICKINSON

DEAR WONDERING: If sending a gift guaranteed a wedding invitation, then those pot holders I sent to Kate and Prince William would have yielded a trip to Buckingham Palace. The only necessary response to a gift is a written "thank you." You sound afraid of this social viper. So practice saying "no" in the mirror. She wants to host a wedding shower? "No thank you." If she co-hosts a shower with a friend of yours, you need only thank her for her trouble. If she angles for a wedding invitation (why would she, since there is likely going to be music), just tell her, "No. We won't be inviting you."

DEAR AMY: I am responding to various comments regarding the wisdom of letting an adolescent watch the movie "The Exorcist." You seem to think it is a fairly benign choice. My husband had the same attitude and let our 13-year-old son watch this movie when it showed up on TV one night (he assumed it had been edited; it had not). This movie traumatized our son. He was extremely fearful for months. We ended up seeking medical and then therapeutic help for him, and after exploring all of the possibilities, everyone concluded this movie was actually the culprit. My son is now in his late 20s and when I shared your point of view with him, he completely disagreed with you.
— Faithful Reader

DEAR READER: Every parent should make media choices alongside their child, taking into consideration their child's temperament.

Chronic Urticaria: The non-stop itch

DEAR DR. ROACH: For the past year, I have had hives on and off again, with the hives being more prominent in the morning than in the evening. I have been told by a dermatologist that it is a viral infection and that topical creams, antihistamines and/or steroids would only mask the virus — it would still be in my bloodstream. Are there other causes of hives that could be causing or exacerbating the problem? I do not know the exact cause of the hives, and they really don't itch too much — they are just unsightly. How long can a viral infection with hives take to clear up? Is there anything I can do to help speed along recovery? Can it be heat-related, as in the warmer months they tend to come out more than in the winter? I get differing diagnoses from various doctors, some saying I shouldn't go swimming or go outside in the sun, and others saying to go about my normal routines. I just wish I knew the exact cause. I would be grateful for any advice or insight on the topic of hives. — Anon.

To your

GOOD HEALTH

BY KEITH ROACH, M.D.



KEITH ROACH, M.D.

for what you are describing, if you have hives most days of the week for six or more weeks. The rash is raised, usually round or ring-shaped, and can vary in size. They tend to be very itchy (you are lucky that way), and each lesion comes and goes within 24 hours. Chronic urticaria is common, occurs more often in women, and can appear on any part of the body. Sunlight and heat can be triggers for some people, whereas cold is a trigger for others. Diet usually is not a factor in chronic urticaria. There are many theories, but nobody is sure, so I can't tell you the exact cause. It probably is not due to viruses, but hepatitis A and hepatitis C have been suggested, though there is conflicting data. We don't know what causes it, but since the itchiness can be very uncomfortable, even severe in some cases, I think treatment, even though it may "mask" the underlying cause, is still helpful, and antihistamines are the mainstay of treatment. I tend to prefer cetirizine (Zyrtec), since it is effective (both for itchiness and in helping clear the hives), usually doesn't cause sedation and is very inexpensive as a generic. It may take two to five years, but chronic urticaria usually does go away eventually.

ANSWER: "Chronic urticaria" is the medical term

DVD RELEASES



THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS
For their fifth fully-animated feature-film collaboration, Illumination Entertainment and Universal Pictures present The Secret Life of Pets, a comedy about the lives our pets lead after we leave for work or school each day. Comedy superstars Louis C.K., Eric Stonestreet and Kevin Hart make their animated feature-film debuts in The Secret Life of Pets, which co-stars Ellie Kemper, Lake Bell, Jenny Slate, Bobby Moynihan, Hannibal Buress and Albert Brooks. **PG, 1 hr. 30 min.**
Animation, Comedy



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Action & Adventure, Drama

Baked French Toast



INGREDIENTS

- 1 (1 pound) loaf French bread, cut diagonally in 1 inch slices
- 8 eggs
- 2 cups milk
- 1 1/2 cups half-and-half cream
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3/4 cup butter
- 1 1/3 cups brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons light corn syrup

DIRECTIONS

1. Butter a 9x13 inch baking dish. Arrange the slices of bread in the bottom. In a large bowl, beat together eggs, milk, cream, vanilla and cinnamon. Pour over bread slices, cover, and refrigerate overnight.
2. The next morning, preheat oven to 350 degrees F. In a small saucepan, combine butter, brown sugar and corn syrup; heat until bubbling. Pour over bread and egg mixture.
3. Bake in preheated oven, uncovered, for 40 minutes.

Total Time: 9 hr | Prep: 20 min
Inactive: 8 hr | Cook: 40 min
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SUNDAY SCRAMBLER

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Shrewd

PRETUND

Awry

WAKES

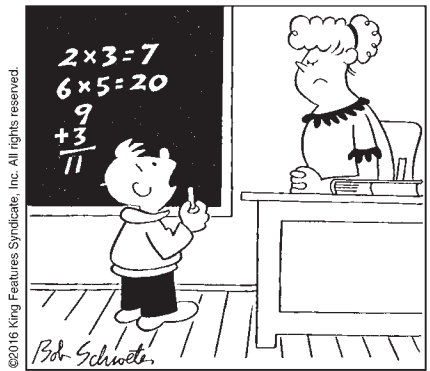
Escort

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Emerge

PAPARE

TODAY'S WORD



"So what if my answers are all wrong — when I grow up I'm going to be a _____ forecaster!"

Answer key located in this edition



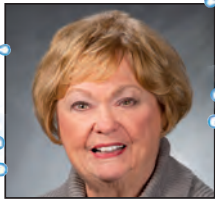
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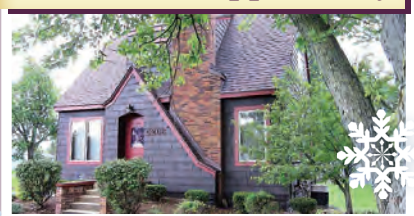
New on Market



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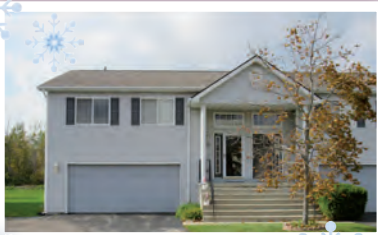
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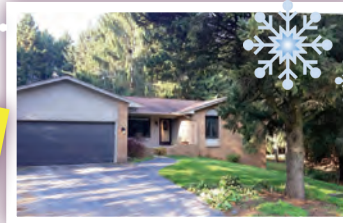
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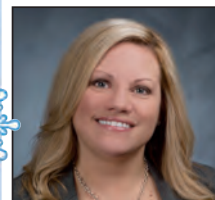
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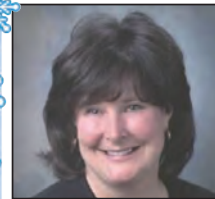
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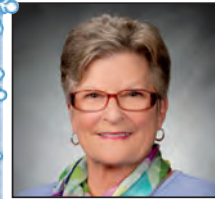
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