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## Today's 'used car salesmen' no longer fit the stereotype

■ Plaid pants and pushy attitude give way to customer-driven, tech-savvy professionals

By Sally Rummel

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From Danny DeVito in the 2005 movie "Deck the Halls" to Kurt Russell in 1980s "Used Cars," used car salesmen have earned a stereotypical reputation, and it wasn't always positive.

Plaid pants, white shoes, slicked back hair and a pushy sales attitude are just a few of the annoying traits that were not only visible on the big screen, but may have been a reality at some dealerships decades ago. Car sales were a man's game, and not a very diverse one at that.

### SUMMARY

■ The negative stereotype of used car salesmen has been replaced by today's tech-savvy, customer-driven professionals.

Turn the calendar to 2016 and the picture of a "typical" used car salesman is a far cry from those movie roles and negative stereotypes.

"You won't find any plaid pants, but you will notice a certain dress code for both men and women in sales," said Jeff Canever, general sales manager at Vic Canever Chevrolet in Fenton. "Our goal is to look professional."

You'll also find more women at the top of the sales charts and more racial diversity than ever before.

Emily Lorencz, 32, has been in car sales for 10 years, the last three at Lasco Ford in Fenton. She was recently awarded "Employee of the Month – Top Customer Satisfaction" for November, racking up a customer satisfaction rating for the year of 93 percent."



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This classic 1978 Vic Canever Chevrolet photo depicts the plaid pants and white shoes era of the typical car sales staff of that period.



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Lasco Ford Sales Representative Emily Lorencz describes the differences in Ford F-150 packages to Doug Kline of Deerfield Township. He has bought five vehicles through Lasco, and said she is the best sales representative he has ever worked with.

"She had more customer satisfaction surveys returned to Ford, which isn't easy to do," said Jay Lasco. "She really knocked it out of the park."

Lasco added that Lorencz is one of five women on the Lasco sales team. "There aren't many dealerships that have a mix of females on the showroom floor like we do. That stereotype of a car salesman still does exist. However, you can find a much better experience than that at most dealerships today."

Selling cars today is seen as a professional gateway to

a successful sales and marketing career, instead of a dead end job. It is one career where a college education is not typically required, and good money can still be made.

“Customers used to have to drive from dealership to dealership to car shop. Now they can do all that from their computer or phone.”

Jeff Canever

 General sales manager at  
Vic Canever Chevrolet in Fenton

An average car salesperson will earn between \$40,000 and \$55,000, according to an anonymous car dealer. Above average earners may take home between \$55,000 and \$80,000 and over-achievers can earn from \$80,000 to "the sky's the limit."

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**Some Christmas memories**

Christmastime always reminds me of some fun (and not so fun) things with my family when we were kids.

Like the time my older sister, Renate, was piling my younger sister, Monika's, long thick hair into a bun on top of her head. We were getting ready for a Christmas pageant at the church.

At the same time, our dad had four or five rows of Christmas lights spread out across the living room floor. He was checking to make sure the little bulbs were all working and twinkling.

In the meantime, Renate had Monika on a stool at one end of the living room. When the bun was all pulled together and pinned in place, Renate pulled out the big gun — a can of hairspray and began spraying the bun into place. She accidentally sprayed Monika in the eyes and chaos ensued.

Monika jumped off the stool and while screaming and crying jumped backwards several times, smashing most of Dad's lights. He started yelling, my mom and sisters were crying. It was awesome. I'm the middle child, so all you middle children out there know that I need not explain why this was funny.



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Several years later, during the early 1980s, my dad worked in a high rise in downtown Chicago. He had to travel about 10 miles every day on the L-train to get there.

Dad's male coworkers, all executives, were always asking him to join them for drinks after work. He always declined, saying he had to get home to the wife and kids.

One year, one of these men pulled my father aside and said the guys would 'like him more' if he would say 'yes' once in a while. He told Dad that there was going to be a little Christmas get together at the office that upcoming Friday, and that all the guys would be there with dates — dates who were not their wives.

My dad accepted the invitation. He found a woman named Nancy, bought her a fancy holiday dress and away they went. He introduced the guys to his 'girlfriend' Nancy. They ate, they drank, they danced and had a wonderful time. Nancy even danced with the other guys, told jokes and everyone was delighted.

After the office party, the guys asked my dad and Nancy to join them at the bar down the street to continue the party. As on previous occasions, my dad declined and said, "Nancy and I have to hit the sack, if you know what I mean."

After a lot of wink, wink, nudge, nudging, my dad and Nancy started walking away. He then stopped, turned to them and said, "I'd like you guys to meet Elli, my wife of 35 years. She's still my girlfriend. We had a great time, thank you."

Then they hailed themselves a cab and giggled all the way home.

**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

**TWO YOUNG LADIES** were killed in Kentucky in a hit and run accident by an illegal immigrant from Mexico, a man who had been deported eight times. We need to stop this illegal immigration.

**IN THE UNLIKELY** event that we all agreed that the U.S. was founded as a Christian nation, the agreement would solve nothing. What Christian church? Which set of Christian beliefs? Which of the many conflicting statements in the Bible are the correct ones? The disagreements would not end.

**I SEE THE** Ku Klux Klan loser Dylan Roof made his mother have a heart attack in the courtroom.

**I JUST READ** the Hot line about respecting our flag, holiday traditions and freedoms, and I couldn't have said it better myself. You were spot on, my friend.

**TO MY REPUBLICAN** friends, get over it. You won. I'm tired of listening to you. Also, I told my relatives who voted for Trump if you're going to keep rubbing it in, don't bother to call me.

**I READ IT** in the Hot lines, so it must be true, right?

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Have you ever wondered what some of the great rock and roll musicians of our time would look like today - if they had lived?

Three of those individuals were only 27 years old when they died, an unfortunate result of too much alcohol, too many drugs, and fame and fortune that came too fast.

They are Jimi Hendrix (barbiturate overdose, 1970), Janis Joplin (heroin overdose, 1970) and Jim Morrison of The Doors (congestive heart failure brought on by drug abuse, 1971).

### JIMI HENDRIX



Widely recognized as one of the most creative and influential musicians of the 20th century, Hendrix pioneered the explosive possibilities of the electric guitar. His innovative style of combining fuzz, feedback and controlled distortion created a new musical form. Because he was unable to read or write music, it was considered nothing short of remarkable that Jimi Hendrix's meteoric rise in the music took place in just four short years. Hendrix's greatest hits include "Purple Haze," "Foxy Lady," "All Along the Watchtower," "Hey Joe," and many more. But it was his rendition of the Star Spangled Banner that rendered him and his style of music iconic.

### JANIS JOPLIN



Joplin, whose popular songs included "Me and Bobby McGee," and "Piece of My Heart," was a heavy drinker, and Southern Comfort was her drink of choice. The whiskey became so synonymous with the singer, and she therefore boosted the company's sales to such an extent, that she managed to get them to give her a lynx coat as a thank you gift.

### JIM MORRISON



Morrison, too, has dozens of greatest hits to his credit. They include, "Hello, I Love You," "Light My Fire," "People Are Strange," "Riders on the Storm" and, of course, "When the Music's Over."

### ELVIS PRESLEY



Other iconic musicians that died way before their time include Elvis Presley, known as the "king of rock and roll," who died of a heart attack at the age of 42 (1977).

### JOHN LENNON



John Lennon, one of four members of The Beatles, who brought the British music invasion to American shores (1964), was assassinated at the age of 40 (1980).

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## LOOKING BACK

at this week in  
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**DEC. 18**

**1620:** The British ship Mayflower docked at modern-day Plymouth, Massachusetts, and its passengers prepared to begin their new settlement, Plymouth Colony. On Sept. 6, 1620, 102 passengers, dubbed Pilgrims by William Bradford, a passenger who would become the first governor of Plymouth Colony, crowded on the Mayflower to begin the long, hard journey to a new life in the New World.

**DEC. 19**

**1998:** After nearly 14 hours of debate, the House of Representatives approves two articles of impeachment against President Bill Clinton, charging him with lying under oath to a federal grand jury and obstructing justice. Clinton, the second president in American history to be impeached, vowed to finish his term.

**DEC. 20**

**1957:** While spending the Christmas holidays at Graceland, his newly purchased Tennessee mansion, rock-and-roll star Elvis Presley receives his draft notice for the United States Army. Fans sent tens of thousands of letters to the Army asking for him to be spared, but Elvis would have none of it. He received one deferment, during which he finished working on his movie King Creole, before being sworn in as an army private in Memphis on March 24, 1958.

**DEC. 21**

**1988:** Pan Am Flight 103 from London to New York explodes in midair over Lockerbie, Scotland, killing all 243 passengers and 16 crew members aboard, as well as 11 Lockerbie residents on the ground. A bomb hidden inside an audio cassette player detonated in the cargo area when the plane was at an altitude of 31,000 feet. The disaster, which became the subject of Britain's largest criminal investigation, was believed to be an attack against the United States. One hundred eighty nine of the victims were American. Islamic terrorists were accused of planting the bomb on the plane while it was at the airport in Frankfurt, Germany.

**DEC. 22**

**1978:** John Wayne Gacy confesses to police to killing over two dozen boys and young men and burying their bodies under his suburban Chicago home. In March 1980, Gacy was convicted of 33 sex-related murders, committed between 1972 and 1978, and given the death penalty. At the time, he was the worst serial killer in modern American history.

**DEC. 23**

**1888:** Dutch painter Vincent van Gogh, suffering from severe depression, cuts off the lower part of his left ear with a razor while staying in Arles, France. He later documented the event in a painting titled Self-Portrait with Bandaged Ear.

**DEC. 24:**

**1865:** In Pulaski, Tennessee, a group of Confederate veterans convene to form a secret society that they christen the "Ku Klux Klan." The KKK rapidly grew from a secret social fraternity to a paramilitary force bent on reversing the federal government's progressive Reconstruction Era-activities in the South, especially policies that elevated the rights of the local African American population.

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- 1 — Phil Davis (Danny Kaye) to Bob Wallace (Bing Crosby) in “White Christmas
- 2 — Howard Langston (Arnold Schwarzenegger) to Mall Santa in “Jingle All the Way.”
- 3 — Scott Calvin (Tim Allen) at a company meeting in “The Santa Clause.”
- 4 — Harry Lime (Joe Pesci) to Kevin McCallister (Macauley Culkin) in Home Alone 2: Lost in New York City.”
- 5 — Ralphie Parker (Peter Billingsley), followed by Ralphie as an adult (narrator Jean Shepherd) in “A Christmas Story.”
- 6 — Clark Griswold (Chevy Chase) to Cousin Eddie (Randy Quaid) in National Lampoon’s “Christmas Vacation.”
- 7 — Kevin McAllister (Macauley Culkin) in “Home Alone.”
- 8 — Store Santa Claus going out to his car in “Home alone.”
- 9 — Kate McCallister (Catherine O’Hara) to Mrs. Stone the desk clerk (Dana Ivey), who answered, in “Home Alone 2: Lost in New York City.”
- 10 — Clark Griswold (Chevy Chase) to Cousin Eddie (Randy Quaid) in National Lampoon’s “Christmas Vacation.”
- 11 — Susan Walker (Natalie Wood) in “Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street.”
- 12 — Kevin McCallister (Macauley Culkin) in “Home Alone 2: Lost in New York City.”
- 13 — George Bailey (James Stewart) to his wife, Mary, (Donna Reed) in “It’s a Wonderful Life.”
- 14 — Frank Cross (Bill Murray) in “Scrooged.”
- 15 — Uncle Frank McCallister (Gerry Bamman) when Kevin McCallister (Macauley Culkin) walks in on him while he’s taking a shower in “Home Alone 2: Lost in New York City.”
- 16 — Ralphie Parker (Peter Billingsley) to his mother, (Melinda Dillon), and her answer, in “A Christmas Story.”
- 17 — Zuzu Bailey (Karolyn Grimes) to her father, George Bailey (James Stewart) in “It’s a Wonderful Life.”
- 18 — Buddy (Will Ferrell) in “Elf.”

**HOT LINE** CONTINUED

**I’M PRETTY SURE** the King hasn’t attended college in a few decades and has no idea what he’s talking about.

■■■

**TWICE ON NATIONAL TV,** Trump claimed Americans wages are too high. Prepare for a corporation tax cut followed by a tax increase to pay for it, similar to what Snyder did before he was re-elected.

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**HYPOCRITE DEMOCRATS** ENDLESSLY complain about Russian hacking but remain silent on Clinton leaving classified material unprotected. Can’t have it both ways; either complain about both or don’t complain.

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**House Bill 4423: Increase speed limits**  
To increase speed limits on rural freeways to 75 mph where engineering studies and traffic patterns indicate this is safe. General speed limits elsewhere would be 70 mph on other freeways, 65 mph on state trunkline highways with light traffic, 55 mph on county roads, and 55 mph on unpaved roads except in Oakland and Wayne Counties, where they would be 45 mph. The speed limit on subdivision streets would remain at 25 mph.

**Passed 28 to 8 in the Senate**

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)	☒ YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)	☒ YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)	☒ YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	☒ YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	☒ YES

**House Bill 4426: Lower drivers licence points for barely speeding**  
To reduce the drivers license points imposed for exceeding speed limits. The bill would prescribe: Four points for more than 15 miles per hour over the limit; three points for between 10 and 15 mph over; two points for between five and 10 mph over, and one point for less than 5 mph over.

**Passed 35 to 2 in the Senate**

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)	☒ YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)	☒ YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)	☒ YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	☒ YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	☒ YES

**Senate Bill 1163: Give multi-million dollar subsidy to AK Steel owners**  
To revise a state business subsidy program in a manner that would allow the current owner of the former River

Rouge steel plant (AK Steel) to collect refundable tax credits (which are often paid as cash subsidies). According to the House Fiscal Agency this could result in the state giving tens of millions to the company’s owners.

**Passed 30 to 7 in the Senate**

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)	☒ YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)	☒ YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)	☒ YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	☒ NO
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	☒ YES

**Senate Bill 852: Let Detroit issue automated “photo cop” school bus tickets**  
To allow the Detroit public school district to contract with a private vendor to install and operate an automated traffic citation system to ticket motorists who illegally pass a stopped school bus, based on images collected by cameras attached to

school buses. Fines would start at \$300, rising to \$1,000 for a third offense, and the money would go to the Detroit public school district (less the amount collected by the private vendor).

**Passed 34 to 3 in the Senate**

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)	☒ YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)	☒ YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)	☒ YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	☒ YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	☒ YES

**Senate Bill 291: Authorize wrongful imprisonment compensation**  
To authorize payment by the state of civil damages to a person wrongfully imprisoned for a crime he or she did not commit. The damages would be \$50,000 for each year of wrongful imprisonment.

**Passed 104 to 2 in the House**

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)	☒ YES
Rep. Joseph Graves (R-Dist. 51)	☒ YES

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## YOUR SMILE MATTERS!

By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

### HALITOSIS

Halitosis (bad breath) can have several different causes. Many medical conditions such as sinusitis (sinus infection), digestive conditions such as ulcers or acid reflux, and diabetes can all cause bad breath. Certain foods such as onions and garlic can cause halitosis. Alcohol and cigarette smoking will also cause bad breath. A main cause of malodor is often times due to the poor condition of the teeth and gums. Probably the most common cause of bad breath is dehydration or dry mouth which allows for the proliferation of sulfur producing bacteria. This is why most people awake with nasty "morning breath". It's difficult to determine whether your own breath is bad. This is because your own sense of smell acclimates to its oral nasal/environment and doesn't detect anything different even if it's smelling bad. So breathing into your cupped hand and smelling rarely works to detect halitosis. A better way to determine if your breath is bad is to lick and then smell the back of your hand or scrape your tongue with a spoon and then smell the spoon.

#### Tips for good breath:

1. Visit your dentist every 6 months to ensure the good health of your teeth and gums.
2. Brush and floss every day.
3. Brush your tongue every day. (Your tongue has more surface area than the rest of the mouth combined)
4. Keep well hydrated by drinking plenty of water.
5. After a meal of onions and garlic be sure to brush and floss.
6. If you drink alcohol, do so in moderation.
7. Don't smoke.

If you have concerns about halitosis, Call for your free consultation. I will be able to determine its cause and if there is an issue that needs further attention.

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## CAR SALESMAN

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Most car dealerships pay by commission, but some include a salary or a "draw," guaranteeing a minimum but having to be paid back if the salesperson didn't earn that amount by commission. A salesperson's pay may also include bonuses for exceeding sales goals or for volume sales.

"It's a month by month business," said Lorencz, "Business has been great this year. The last two weeks of the month are usually really, really busy. Every month what you've sold by the 15th, you basically double that in the next two weeks."

The use of technology has created a need for today's sales people to be more tech-savvy than ever.

"A used car salesman has to know more than ever about each car, from model features to its actual history, including accident and service reports," said Canever. "Customers used to have to drive from dealership to dealership to car shop. Now they can do all that from their computer or phone. We have to be a lot more competitive on price."

Focusing on the customer experience and using technology are two keys to success for Lorencz. "I'm very concerned about my customer's feelings, goals and budget. I want a happy customer, not only for repeat business for myself, but also for the dealership."

Lorencz shoots videos regularly for customers who request information online.

"We have a big online presence. Instead of saying a vehicle's in great shape, I can show them. Plus, they see my face, hear my voice and know who to ask for when they come in the dealership."



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Jeff Canever was recently named general sales manager at Vic Canever Chevrolet in Fenton.

She adds that the more successful people in this business embrace technology instead of being afraid of it. One thing she knows for sure — The days of guys sitting around with their feet up, playing cards and waiting for customers to walk through the door are over. "I know that stereotype," she said. I've worked with some of them in the past. Today, with all the online reviews, we want happy customers."



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Jamie Smith, internet sales manager at Vic Canever Chevrolet, shows just how times have changed in auto showrooms. As a manager in a former male-dominated industry, she now leads the sales staff in the use of technology for selling vehicles.

## Now's the time to get a good deal on a new or used car

By Vera Hogan

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Although dealerships offer promotions and discounts on new and used cars throughout the year, some experts say November and December are the best times to buy.

According to autotrader.com, some people think that Dec. 31 is the best day to buy a new car, especially as the calendar year comes to an end.

While it can certainly be a good day, the first few days of the new year can be a good time to shop, too, as those days are counted in the previous year's totals.

Dealers work with what is known as a "U.S. Sales Reporting Calendar." For 2016, the sales month and year cutoff is on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2017.

Many dealers are open on New Year's Day and almost all will stay open late on Jan. 4, in a bid to get that final sale.

Just like in life, timing is everything in car-buying — and buying a car at the right time can often mean saving thousands of dollars.

Another way to use timing to your advantage when buying a new car is by getting a vehicle from the previous model year. New-model-year vehicles will start to come out in the fall of the previous year — for example, a 2018 model will debut in the fall of 2017 — and dealerships usually want last year's stock gone before the new model arrives.

But that doesn't always work out, and if a 2017 model is still on the lot when a 2018 model arrives, dealerships will usually offer heavy discounts on the older model in order to sell it.

According to autotrader.com, vehicle buyers can also save money by shopping during holiday weekends, such as Labor Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day or Thanksgiving.

You'll often see or hear car dealerships advertising huge deals or blowout sales during holiday weekends, and those ads are almost always accurate. Automakers often put out special financing or cash-back deals for holiday weekends, and dealers sometimes add on to those deals with special offers of their own.

The day after Thanksgiving, known as "Black Friday," or when merchants offer tantalizing deals to help kick off the Christmas shopping season.

Consumer Reports noted that Black Friday is an especially beneficial day to shop as "dealers may even sweeten the deal further to clear their lots." The day is also close to the end of the month and dealers may be more willing to negotiate to meet their quotas."

Once you're ready to buy a new car, visit the manufacturer's website to identify the vehicle and trim level that interests you. Contact at least three dealerships to obtain quotes. Learn what incentives are available, which is information typically found on the manufacturer's website.

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# Holiday dangers for household pets

■ Christmas decorations can be hazardous, even toxic, to dogs and cats

Compiled By Vera Hogan

The following decorations may go a long way to making our homes look more festive during the holiday season — but many of them may be hazardous to the wellbeing of our household pets.

According to petmd.com, they include:

## CHRISTMAS TREES

Some dogs tend to jump up a lot and may jump into the tree, knocking it over, breaking precious ornaments, and possibly injuring themselves.

Cats have been known to climb into Christmas trees, causing the same effects. It is best to keep your pet out of the room with the tree, unless supervised.

## IMITATION SNOW

Also called flocking, imitation snow on a Christmas tree can be very hazardous to pets if ingested. Since Christmas tree branches just look like fun sticks for a cat or dog to chew on, it is very likely to be ingested if you use it at all. Stick to other forms of tree décor for the sake of your pet.

## PRESERVATIVES ON YOUR TREE

Chemical preservatives are sometimes used on Christmas trees to keep them fresh longer. The problem with these chemicals is that they will leach down into the water bowl at the bottom of the tree, making the water poisonous. It is best to not use these preservatives at all, but if you must, use a tree skirt, towel, aluminum foil, plastic wrap, or something to cover up the water bowl.

## EDIBLE ORNAMENTS

Of course you're proud of your young child's homemade macaroni art ornament. And yes, candy canes are extremely festive. But if you're hanging these items all around your tree, you're just asking for your pet to try and eat them. Too much sugar from the candy canes can cause a sugar rush, glue used on ornaments could be toxic, or the materials used may be poisonous or hazardous. It is best to place these ornaments on areas of the tree where your pet cannot reach.

## LIT CANDLES

This should go without saying, but lighting candles on or around a Christmas tree is extremely hazardous. Christmas trees are very flammable and a cat or dog can easily jostle the tree or knock over a candle.

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

When wrapping lights around a Christmas tree, keep the strands away from the very bottom where a cat or dog can easily chew on the electrical cords as this will result in an electrical shock. In general, wherever you choose to place strands of little lights, make sure the end of the extension cord is tucked away so your pet cannot get to it.

## HOLLY BERRIES

According to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), holly berries are considered potentially toxic if consumed in large amounts and they may result in gastrointestinal irritation and depression of the central nervous system.



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Dogs and cats can get into plenty of trouble over the holidays if people don't take precautions to remove dangerous items and foods. Tinsel, in particular, is very dangerous around animals as it can get caught up in their intestines if swallowed.

## ANGEL HAIR

Angel hair is finely spun fiberglass that was used in vintage decorations but has since been taken off the market due to health concerns. If you have any old decorations made from angel hair, it is best to refrain from using those. There are similar looking decorations on the market now made from PVC and those also cause health concerns.

## DELICATE OR TREASURED ORNAMENTS

Using delicate or treasured ornaments that hold a lot of sentimental value around pets may not be your best idea. It is very easy for a dog or cat to jump at the tree, jostle the tree, or knock the tree over. If you can't stand the thought of a precious family ornament breaking, either put it somewhere a pet can't get to or be very watchful of your pet around the Christmas tree.

## TINSEL

Tinsel is possibly the most dangerous holiday decoration for your pets. If your pet ingests even a few strands of tinsel — and pets do this more often than you might guess — they are highly likely to suffer the ill, and even deadly effects of an intestinal obstruction.

## Avoid holiday food dangers

By now, most people know not to feed their pets chocolate and anything sweetened with xylitol, but it's also important to make sure to keep your pets away from the table and unattended plates of food, and be sure to secure the lids on garbage cans.

Fatty, spicy and no-no human foods, as well as bones, should not be fed to your furry friends either. Pets can join the festivities in other fun ways that won't lead to costly medical bills.

If your celebration includes adult holiday beverages, be sure to place your unattended alcoholic drinks where pets cannot get to them. If ingested, your pet could become weak, ill and may even go into a coma, possibly resulting in death from respiratory failure.

Looking to stuff your pet's stockings? Stick with chew toys that are indestructible. Choose healthy foods or chew treats that are designed to be safely digestible. Long, stringy things are a feline's dream, but the most risky toys for cats involve ribbon, yarn and loose little parts that can get stuck in the intestines, often necessitating surgery.



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# Christmas Coloring Contest

## WINNERS



The Times would like to thank all of the parents and their children who stopped by the office to submit their coloring contest entries and to have their photograph taken. The staff enjoyed looking at all of the works of art.

## Coloring Contest Entrants

### AGE 3

**Remington Sugar (Holly)**

### AGE 4

**Jessilynn Lyons (Fenton)**

Jackson Smith (Fenton)  
Zoey Suszko (Fenton)  
Gavin Slater (Linden)  
Sophia Marceau (Linden)  
Sawyer Maupin (Fenton)

### AGE 5

**Rose Roberts (Fenton)**

Harrison Carah (Linden)  
Andrew Farrington (Holly)  
Delilah Toth (Fenton)

### AGE 6

**Brady Gross (Holly)**

Gerard Gilmour (Fenton)  
Tessa Simeoni (Fenton)  
Jayna Klein (Holly)  
Brooke Quick (Holly)  
Zoey Baran (Fenton)  
Adelynn Kaye (Fenton)

### AGE 7

**Jillian Bowles (Fenton)**

Kenna Slavens (Swartz Creek)  
Gavin Smith (Fenton)

### AGE 7 (CONTINUED)

Aiden Mrazik (Byron)  
Danielle Ramsey (Holly)  
Ciara Liddle (Holly)  
Noah Shelton (Fenton)  
Anthony Ghostley (Holly)  
Serenity Derrick (Holly)  
Lilly Ciesielski (Linden)  
Addison Cusson (Linden)  
Aiden Roths (Lake Orion)  
A.J. Roths (Chesterfield)  
Lilly Churchman (Fenton)  
Kaitlyn Bowles (Fenton)  
Parker Maupin (Fenton)  
Riley Jo Wright (Swartz Creek)

### AGE 8

**Abigail Custack (Fenton)**

Grace Stevens (Holly)  
Aleksin Glover (Fenton)  
Keira Workman (Fenton)  
Samantha Gross (Holly)  
Ellerie Whitt (Linden)  
Bailee Roths (Chesterfield)  
Grace Groves (Fenton)  
Joshua Dahlin (Holly)  
Ezra Baran (Fenton)  
Fischer Mlinarich (Linden)  
Luke Wright (Swartz Creek)  
Jill & Jerry Dawes (Fenton)

### AGE 9

**Graham Groves (Fenton)**

Fallon Hopkins (Fenton)  
Jordan Christopher Cool (Holly)  
Eden Telle (Linden)  
Dylan Pampreen (Fenton)  
Addison Browne (Linden)  
Angel McCallister (Fenton)  
Gabrielle LaBoute (Fenton)  
Vincent Loria (Fenton)  
Sophia Hunter (Linden)

### AGE 10

**Melanie Buzo (Linden)**

Clarissa Bidleman (Holly)  
Evan Pampreen (Fenton)  
Riley Boulis (Linden)  
Reagan Boulis (Linden)  
Haley Wasilewski (Linden)

### AGE 11

**Abi Baran (Fenton)**

Bradly Bidelman (Fenton)  
Reagan Stack (Fenton)  
Remy Book (Fenton)  
Blair Ungvarsky (Linden)  
Allura Roths (Lake Orion)  
Mary Haiss (Fenton)

# Christmastime disasters

■ Pets, trees, power outages and sickness sometimes take the ‘Merry’ out of Christmas

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

Take a close look at **Rick and Sue Holtslander’s** live 10-foot Christmas tree in the great room of their Fenton Township home, and you may notice a few things missing.

A bunch of lights aren’t working, there are a few broken ornaments and a sentimental star topper is precariously held together with super glue.

‘Tis the season of Christmas disasters, and the Holtslanders had their turn this year.

Sue had spent four hours decorating her family’s 10-foot Fraser fir Christmas tree on Sunday, Dec. 4, with her typical enthusiasm for the holiday. No sooner had she completed that holiday chore, including a trip to Traverse City to get the tree, than she turned around, the tree fell over and hit her.

“I had just filled it up with water, and there goes a gallon and a half of brown water, all over the carpet,” said Sue. “I had to get down on my hands and knees to scrub it up. I literally told my husband to take that tree out the door.”

But they put the tree back up, crooked trunk and all. “The branches are longer on one side than the other, and when I decorated ‘the good half,’ Rick figures I made it top-heavy,” she said.

Next year, Sue has resolved to get an artificial tree. “I love decorating the tree, but it’s a hassle,” she said.

However, the Holtslander’s Christmas disaster ended on a very positive note when Rick and Sue became grandparents, two weeks early, on Dec. 8. Their daughter, Jordan, with husband Jeremy, gave birth to son Jack on Dec. 8 at Hurley Medical Center.

“That changed everything for us,” said Sue. “Now the tree is just fine.”

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Cats may have nine lives, but **Jenny Sewell** of Fenton Township says her daughter’s cat, Klause, has been lucky to live through its first Christmas back in 2012.

“He literally completely destroyed our artificial Christmas tree,” said Sewell. “He’d club it with his paws and beat it to the point I couldn’t fix it. All the lights went out, too. That tree ended up at the curb and I started putting up dollar store ornaments.”

Now, Klause is a very sweet cat, according to Sewell, and he has a new spot under the tree where he likes to lie with the other two cats.

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**Donna Anderson** of Fenton has a dog tale to tell.

“I spent hours stringing popcorn one year and came home to find the tree on the floor,” she said. Our beagle had knocked it down and eaten the popcorn. Another year, she opened and ate the chocolate covered cherries that were under the tree for my husband.”

Their family cat also knocked over the tree many times a few years later.

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Fenton Township resident and Times

Editor **Sharon Stone** recalls a Christmas when her sister’s dog ran into the Stone’s living room on Christmas Day and lifted its leg right onto the Christmas tree. “He peed right onto my sister’s gift,” laughs Stone at the memory.

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Tyrone Township resident **Linda Foreman** remembers a Christmas pageant rehearsal at church when one of the kids threw up all over the floor in the church. “I cleaned it up because his mom wasn’t there,” said Foreman.

Two days before Christmas, Foreman came down with the stomach flu. One by one, everyone in the family, including

her mother-in-law and her mother, came down with the flu. “I cooked the turkey and all, but no one ate and we didn’t open gifts ‘til the next day. Miserable time.”

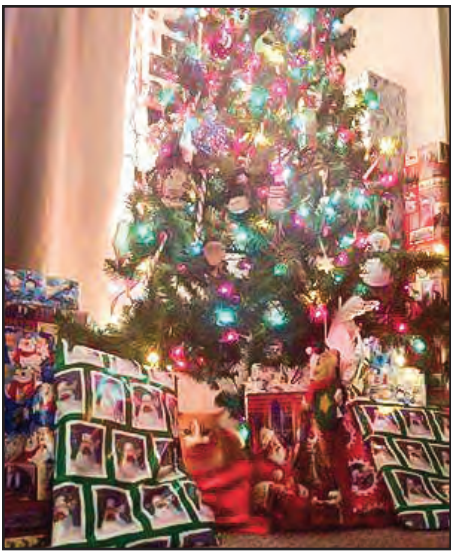
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Who can possibly forget Christmas 2014, when so many people were out of power during the biggest storm of the season.

**Matt and Pam Wilson** didn’t have power for eight days. “DTE called us for five

straight days and told us our power was back on. When we said ‘no,’ the house is dark, they told us we were wrong,” said Pam.

“We ate canned chicken noodle soup for Christmas dinner, heated on the wood stove.”



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | SUBMITTED PHOTO  
Klause the cat now has a peaceful place to lie under the Christmas tree at the Sewell home in Fenton Township. Back in 2012, this same cat totally destroyed their artificial tree, branch by branch.

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52 Trivial lies  
53 Riddle, part 3  
58 Cozy spot  
59 Publishes  
60 Morales of Hollywood  
61 Citrate, e.g.  
63 Burrito  
64 Riddle, part 4  
68 Like a king  
71 Pupa-to-be  
73 Microwave, informally  
74 Islamic holy city  
75 Turn liquid  
77 Riddle, part 5  
82 — Lama  
83 Like a scornful villain's face  
84 "Für —" (piano classic)  
85 Annual sports awards  
87 TV actress  
88 Roosevelt's terrier  
90 — West (life jacket)  
93 End of the riddle

100 Devotee  
104 Tombstone lawman  
105 Theater area  
106 Riddle's answer  
111 Sent by plane, as a letter  
112 Ghostly  
113 Pop singer  
115 Word after a noun, often  
116 Snow glider  
117 "Fear Street" author R.L. —  
118 Perfect spots  
119 Big ice cream brand  
120 Old fast jets, for short  
121 Finger sound  
122 TV "explorer" and others

DOWN

1 Have a role on stage  
2 Depend upon, as a decision  
3 Physically fit  
4 "Blind Willie —" (Bob Dylan song)  
5 Partner of Herzegovina  
6 At no charge  
7 1993 siege site in Texas  
8 1952  
9 "The Misfits" actor Eli  
10 Swank  
11 "Flee, fly!"  
12 Off the coast  
13 Evening do  
14 Out of place  
15 Silk pattern  
16 RBI king  
17 The mating game?  
20 Catches sight of, biblically  
26 Josh  
28 —Ops (CIA mind games)  
29 — ya up to?  
30 Curious pet  
34 See 70-Down  
35 "Taboo" cable chan.  
36 Copy a tiger  
37 "Keep dreaming!"  
42 Assuming it's necessary  
43 Fashion's Armani  
44 "Veep" cable channel  
45 "Tut" relative  
46 Flees  
47 Perfume from flower petals  
48 — my fault"  
49 Singer  
50 Stocking tips  
51 168 in a wk.  
53 Car navig. aid  
54 Man-mouse link  
55 Old indoor light source  
56 "Go back" PC key  
57 "... we'll — a cup o' kindness ..."  
62 Deuce  
64 Lyricist  
65 Neighbor of Switz.  
66 34th prez  
67 Lowest tier of a parking garage, perhaps  
69 "Further ..."  
70 With 34-Down, chew out  
72 Beetles, e.g., briefly  
74 CAT scan relative  
75 Three, in Milan  
76 — -been  
78 "Judge not, lest — judged"  
79 Roe, e.g.  
80 Spouts forth  
81 Biblical kingdom  
86 "Yes and no"  
88 Mink cousins  
89 Pain-relief pill  
90 More clouded  
91 Insect feeler  
92 Conceit  
94 Careless  
95 Boring tools  
96 Devil's place  
97 Notable time  
98 Leaning  
99 Afro, e.g.  
100 Tequila plant  
101 Dehydrated  
102 Cheerful  
103 Feet, in verse  
107 Cross paths  
108 Roush and Byrnes  
109 Singer  
110 Don't discard  
114 Mag. printing

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TOWNSHIP OF HOLLY  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

2017-2022 RECREATION MASTER PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Holly Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on January 3, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., or shortly thereafter, at the Holly Township Hall, 102 Civic Drive, Holly, MI 48442. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider proposed Master Recreation Plan and to seek public input before final adoption.

The hearing is open to the public to voice their views or to submit written comment. Citizens are encouraged to attend and participate in the hearing. Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing by writing to: Clerk at 102 Civic Dr., Holly, Michigan 48442.

A copy of the Master Recreation Plan may be reviewed at the Clerk's office at the above-mentioned address during regular business hours Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. except holidays or online at [www.hollytownship.org/publicnotices](http://www.hollytownship.org/publicnotices)

The Holly Township Hall is handicap accessible. Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs will be made upon receiving a seven (7) day advance notice. Contact Holly Township Clerk at 248-634-9331 ext. 301 for special services.

Karin S. Winchester  
Holly Township Clerk

HOLLY TOWNSHIP  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Holly Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on:

DATE: JANUARY 3, 2016  
TIME: 6:30 PM or as soon as possible thereafter  
PLACE: HOLLY TOWNSHIP HALL  
102 CIVIC DRIVE  
HOLLY, MI 48442  
PHONE: 248-634-9331 Ext. 301

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider the proposed amendments to the Township of Holly Code of Ordinances to:

CHAPTER 32 ZONING, ARTICLE V ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS: ADD SECTION - WOODLANDS PROTECTION ORDINANCE

The hearing is open to the public to voice their views and/or to submit written comment. Citizens are encouraged to attend and participate in the hearing. The Holly Township Planning Commission will consider any public comments received at this time. Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing by writing to: Clerk at 102 Civic Dr., Holly, Michigan 48442.

A copy of the proposed ordinance revisions may be reviewed at the Clerk's office at the above-mentioned address during regular business hours Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. except holidays.

Handicap persons needing assistance to attend or participate in this hearing are asked to contact the Township Clerk at 248-634-9331 x 301 or by writing to the above-mentioned address at least 5 business days prior to the meeting.

Karin S. Winchester  
Clerk/Zoning Administrator

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## CITY OF FENTON ORDINANCE NO. 701

Ordinance No. 701, an Ordinance to regulate storm water control; to provide for storm water permits and for payment or reimbursement of costs incurred by the City due to storm water permits and to provide penalties for violations was enacted by the Fenton City Council.

Ordinance No. 701 was adopted at a regular meeting of the Fenton City Council held on December 12, 2016. This Ordinance will take effect on December 22, 2016.

The complete text of Ordinance No. 701 is on file in the office of the City Clerk and available for review by the general public during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

ADOPTED: December 12, 2016  
EFFECTIVE: December 22, 2016  
PUBLISHED: December 18, 2016

Renee Wilson  
City Clerk

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## PUZZLE ANSWER KEYS

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

### SUPER CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ALIMB FWIWF PSIS IMAC  
CINCO RAGAS OHNO NOAH  
TESTS ECOLE SOLITAIRE  
WHEN PEOPLE WHO REPROB  
GALIS OATH NEATENS  
ATPLAYINGCHARADES  
THE RALIT NAOH TOS EIGHT  
GOOUTTOGETHERFOR NOOK  
PRINTS ESAI ESTER  
SALSA COCKTAILS REGAL  
LARVA NUKE MEDINA  
THAW WHYDOES EVERYBODY  
RAMA SNEERY ELISE  
ESPYS BEA FALA MAE  
ORDERTHESAMETHING  
ADMIRER EARP RIALTO  
GREATMIMESDRINKALIKE  
AIRMAILED EERIE TRINI  
VERB SLED STINE EDENS  
EDYS SSTIS SNAP DORAS

### KING CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Solution time: 25 mins.

MAS WAG  
MICH BABES  
COATI ATONED  
ADMINISTRATOR  
LEI GRIST TWO  
ILKS BLEW  
PINES MOREL  
PECK LAVA  
ARE SIEGE SHY  
COCONSPIRATOR  
TAMALE AREAS  
PARER LIAR  
NET LAD

### WEDNESDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS

Jumbles:  
COUPE, TAKEN,  
PACKET, NORMAL  
Answer:  
What the bartender did  
when the disagreement  
got heated —  
**KEPT HIS COOL**

### SUNDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS

1. Morose
  2. Rage
  3. Sprite
  4. Romp
- Word:  
**MIRROR**

### SUNDAY SUDOKU ANSWERS

3	4	1	6	2	8	5	9	7
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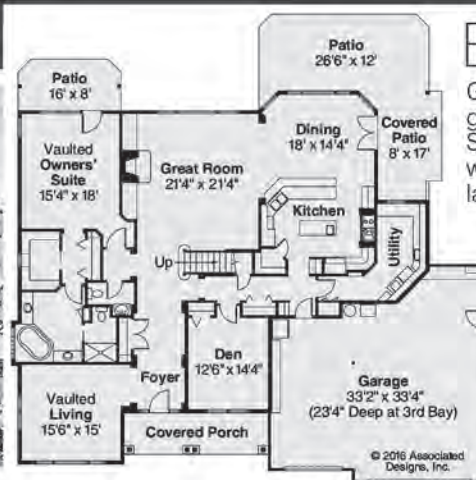
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## HOUSE PLAN OF THE WEEK



More plans at [associateddesigns.com](http://associateddesigns.com)



## Balentine PLAN 30-340

Gently arched windows nestled under street-facing gables draw eyes to the Balentine. Stone wainscoting, slender porch posts and varied window treatments further enhance the appeal of this large contemporary home.

Balentine	
First Floor	2678 sq. ft.
Second Floor	918 sq. ft.
Living Area	3596 sq. ft.
Bonus Room	958 sq. ft.
Garage	958 sq. ft.
Dimensions	74' x 62'



# Obituaries

Times

## Carolyn Kaiser

Carolyn Kaiser - age 78, died December 9, 2016. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharp-funeralhomes.com](http://www.sharp-funeralhomes.com).



## George Litinas

George Litinas - age 85, died December 11, 2016. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharp-funeralhomes.com](http://www.sharp-funeralhomes.com).



## Glenna Simpson

Glenna Simpson - age 56, died December 8, 2016. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharp-funeralhomes.com](http://www.sharp-funeralhomes.com).



## John MacGready

John MacGready - age 84, died December 11, 2016. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharp-funeralhomes.com](http://www.sharp-funeralhomes.com).



## Keshavlal Korant

Keshavlal Korant - age 60, died December 11, 2016. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharp-funeralhomes.com](http://www.sharp-funeralhomes.com).



## Patricia DeMoss

Patricia DeMoss - age 68, died December 10, 2016. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharp-funeralhomes.com](http://www.sharp-funeralhomes.com).



## Pauline Murphy

Pauline Murphy - age 84, died December 12, 2016. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharp-funeralhomes.com](http://www.sharp-funeralhomes.com).



## Doss Edward Brown

1937-2016

Doss Edward Brown - age 79, of Yucca Valley CA, formerly of Flint, went



to be with the Lord on December 7, 2016. He was born on September 11, 1937

in Flint, son of Clifford and Florence Brown. He served in the Navy. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Brown. Surviving are his daughter, Dolores Mullens (Donald Brake), 12 step children and several grandchildren.

## Richard Roudebush

Richard Roudebush - age 73, died December 12, 2016. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharp-funeralhomes.com](http://www.sharp-funeralhomes.com).



## Sheryl Penoyer

Sheryl Penoyer - age 61, died December 9, 2016. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharp-funeralhomes.com](http://www.sharp-funeralhomes.com).



## Timothy Golden

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## Vance Huff

Vance Huff - age 67, died December 10, 2016. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharp-funeralhomes.com](http://www.sharp-funeralhomes.com).



## Warren Anderson

Warren Anderson - age 95, died December 12, 2016. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharp-funeralhomes.com](http://www.sharp-funeralhomes.com).



## E. Doran Kasper, OD

1943-2016

E. Doran Kasper, OD - age 73, died suddenly on December 11, 2016.

Beloved husband of Lorraine. Dear father of Eric. Brother of Susan Vader. Doran also leaves many close friends and faithful patients. Friends may visit on Monday, December 19, 2016 from 3-8 PM at Temrowski Family Funeral Home, 500 Main St., Fenton. Contributions may be made to The Fenton Community & Cultural Center. Share memories at [www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com).



## Vina M. Naras

Vina M. Naras - age 92, died December 9, 2016. [www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com).



## George Spohn

George Spohn - age 85, died December 9, 2016. [www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com).



## Harold Freiburger

Harold Freiburger - age 87, died December 15, 2016. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharp-funeralhomes.com](http://www.sharp-funeralhomes.com).



## Susan Eby

Susan Eby - age 64, died December 16, 2016. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharp-funeralhomes.com](http://www.sharp-funeralhomes.com).



## Barbara Gooding

Barbara Gooding - age 82, died December 12, 2016. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharp-funeralhomes.com](http://www.sharp-funeralhomes.com).



## Mrs. Lottie Engelhart

1942-2016

Mrs. Lottie Engelhart - age 74, died suddenly November 29, 2016. She is



the loving wife of the late Dennis Engelhart, mother of Brian Engelhart and Michelle Engelhart Kawaelde, and grandmother of Dorian and Galen Broski, and Taeber Engelhart. A private burial took place at St. Hedwig Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Episcopal Church, 106 E. Elizabeth St., Fenton, MI 48430 or Livingston County Sheriff's Office, 150 S. Highlander Way, Howell, MI 48843 where the donor can designate that their donation be specified for the Mounted Division or our K-9 Division or the Shop with A Cop program. Share memories at [www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com).

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## Darrell Lilly

Darrell Lilly - age 57, died December 14, 2016. [www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com).



## Nola Cavett

Nola Cavett - age 87, died December 11, 2016. [www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com).



## Gladys Rubin

Gladys Rubin - age 87, died December 12, 2016. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharp-funeralhomes.com](http://www.sharp-funeralhomes.com).



## Mark Kilbourne

Mark Kilbourne - age 58, died December 10, 2016. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharp-funeralhomes.com](http://www.sharp-funeralhomes.com).



## Alfred "Al" Martin Bauer

1938-2016

Alfred "Al" Martin Bauer - age 78 of Fenton, passed away in Huntersville, NC on Saturday, December 3, 2016 after a

prolonged illness. Al was born in Portland, MI on February 27, 1938. He attended Portland High school where he graduated Summa Cum Laude and was an outstanding athlete. Al was selected All-State first team in both basketball and baseball in 1956. He attended Western Michigan University from 1956-1960 on athletic scholarships in basketball and football. While attending WMU, Al was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and in 1959 he received the Omicron Delta Kappa award for outstanding athletic and scholarly achievements. He was one of three men to receive this prestigious award that year. Al graduated with honors with a Bachelor of Arts in Education from Western Michigan in 1960. Al valued higher education and continued to pursue advanced degrees including a Master of Arts in Education from University of Michigan in 1967 and received his highest academic achievement, a Specialist in Education (Ed.S.) degree from Michigan State University in 1977. Al Bauer was a long time teacher and coach in Michigan. Al "Coach" Bauer loved team sports and he coached many high school sports including basketball, baseball and football. The schools where he taught and coached include Cheboygan Catholic High School in Cheboygan, Saint Agnes in Flint, Lakeville High School in Lakeville and he completed his high school coaching career at Ainsworth High School in Flint.



Al and his family moved to Fenton in 1970 and became very involved in the community. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, he served as President of the Fenton Jaycee's, President of the Fenton Rotary, President of the Flint and Fenton Junior Achievement, and was

on the board of Genesee County Planned Parenthood, among others. After his long tenure in education and coaching, he changed his career and trained in New York to become a stockbroker. He had a 19-year career working in the stock market and finally retired in 2004. Al loved sailing and golfing and he was very active in the Lake Fenton Sailing Club and he served as Treasurer and Commodore of the Lake Fenton Sailing Club in the mid 1980s. Al had a passion for golf and spent most summer afternoons at Spring Meadows Golf Club playing golf with his buddies. Al was very proud of his daughter, son and their eight grandchildren. He loved to travel and often went to Colorado and North Carolina to visit and play with his grandchildren. Al was loved by many and will be dearly missed by his family and friends. He is survived by his two brothers, Steve Bauer of Ellenton, FL, Greg Bauer of Grand Ledge, MI; his daughter, Michelle Bauer Carpenter of Boulder, CO; his son, Michael Bauer of Charlotte, NC; and his eight grandchildren. A celebration of Al Bauer's life is planned for July of 2017 in the Fenton area. A memorial website has been set up in the Al Bauer's honor at Forever Missed, [www.forevermissed.com](http://www.forevermissed.com).

## Carrie Bell

Carrie Bell - age 47, died December 13, 2016. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharp-funeralhomes.com](http://www.sharp-funeralhomes.com).



## Marjorie Wentworth

Marjorie Wentworth - age 98, died December 13, 2016. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharp-funeralhomes.com](http://www.sharp-funeralhomes.com).



## William Shaw

William Shaw - age 80, died December 13, 2016. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharp-funeralhomes.com](http://www.sharp-funeralhomes.com).



## Lyle Irish

Lyle Irish - age 76, died December 14, 2016. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharp-funeralhomes.com](http://www.sharp-funeralhomes.com).



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# Explain diagnosis in writing but with no expectations

## DEAR AMY:

I'm a 25-year-old woman. My fiancé of nearly three years recently broke up with me because of my mood swings and outbursts linked to my depression. I have had bouts of depression since high school, but they went untreated. My episodes increased while my fiancé and I faced increasing financial problems and unemployment. Then my depression reached a breaking point when we had to move in with my parents and I faced another long period of unemployment. Things got so bad that I started to lash out at him, even though I was not angry at him and never meant to cause him pain. After the breakup, I finally managed to get help. I am currently undergoing therapy and taking antidepressants, and I have a diagnosis. As the meds give me a chance to think like a normal human being, I realize just how badly I treated the man I loved. Now that we've broken up, he barely wants to talk to me. I have hopes of getting another chance with him after completing more therapy, because I still love him. How do I tell him of my diagnosis and apologize for my behavior during those turbulent months without making it seem like an excuse? — Depressed, Now Broken

ASK

Amy

BY AMY DICKINSON



AMY DICKINSON

## DEAR DEPRESSED:

You should write to your ex and explain your situation, disclose your diagnosis and describe your treatment. Apologize for your behavior that caused him pain. This is not an excuse, but an explanation. Please don't do this expecting him to come back. Do this to complete the circle and as part of your recovery. Stick with your treatment and therapy, and do your best to get a fresh start.

## DEAR AMY:

I loved your advice to "Upset." She and hubby had a deal about where they would ultimately

live, and you suggested she should expect him to hold up his end of the agreement. I know what it's like to live in a place where you are unhappy. After a year of living in Cleveland, a return to California became essential for me! My husband and I also had an agreement. He kept his part of the bargain. We've been in California for 30 wonderful years, and he would agree that coming home was the best thing we could have done! — Grateful

## DEAR GRATEFUL:

A deal is an agreement between two parties, and both need to make good on their part.

# Few children outgrow tree-nut allergy

## DEAR DR. ROACH:

Can you tell me if there is any hope of a cure for tree-nut allergy, particularly for a child? — X.M.

## ANSWER:

Tree-nut allergies, like all allergies, vary in severity from mild to life-threatening. Allergies to tree nuts (these include walnuts, cashews, almonds and others) are common, are more likely to be severe, and tend to persist throughout lifetime. People with one tree-nut allergy may have others, and about 30 percent to 40 percent also may be allergic to peanuts (despite their being legumes, they share enough characteristics for co-allergic reactions). Peanut and tree-nut allergies appear to be increasing in prevalence over time. The mainstay of treatment is avoiding the allergen, which requires constant vigilance, careful reading of nutritional labels and a plan for treatment in case of ingestion, such as an epinephrine auto-injector. Only about 15 to 20 percent of younger children will develop tolerance to ("out-grow") their allergy; an allergy that develops later in life usually is life-long. Your allergist can do skin testing to see if the allergy is resolving.

## DEAR DR. ROACH:

I'm a retired ob-gyn and am married to a practicing MD. I'm writing you today about autism and its use as a diagnosis. My view is that each individual is unique, mentally and physically. While autism may be one way to describe a personality, each person must deal with the world on its terms, not because of a diagnosis. I personally believe I am a variant of As-

perger's, but who knows? I don't qualify as an Asperger's if given a test prepared by psychologists/psychiatrists. Yet, I have had many life experiences that are best explained by an Asperger's diagnosis. What are your thoughts on Asperger's syndrome? — A.G.

**ANSWER:** Since I recently published a letter by an adult who believed he was autistic despite never having received a diagnosis, I have had several letters like this. Autism, including its variant Asperger's syndrome,

is a spectrum of illnesses that share deficits in social interaction, communication and stereotyped, repetitive behaviors. In Asperger's syndrome, there is no clinically significant delay in language and intellectual development. I certainly agree with you that each person is unique and that the label of a psychiatric condition, such as autism, bipolar or a personality disorder, has only limited usefulness. In the best case, it can give a person a way to start learning how to overcome challenges

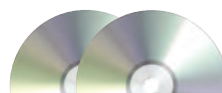
that similar people have faced. At worst, a label predisposes others to look at the person through a certain lens and to expect certain behaviors. I have had many patients with psychiatric diagnoses ask me not to put that into their medical record, after having built up enough trust to share the diagnosis with me. People have had such negative experiences based on their diagnosis, their label, that I don't blame them for wanting to avoid being stereotyped. There is so much variation in all of these conditions — even in those of us considered neurologically typical — that we need to recognize the good and the bad side of making such a diagnosis.

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GOOD HEALTH

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# DVD RELEASES

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## SOUTHSIDE WITH YOU

Inspired by Barack and Michelle Obama's first date, Southside with You recounts the eventful summer day in 1989 when a young law firm associate named Barack Obama (Parker Sawyers) tried to woo lawyer Michelle

Robinson (Tika Sumpter) during a daylong date that took them from the Art Institute of Chicago to a screening of Spike Lee's Do the Right Thing to the site of their first kiss outside of an ice cream parlor.

PG-13, 1 hr. 24 min.

Drama

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## BRIDGET JONES'S BABY

Bridget Jones, now a 40-something news producer, discovers that she's pregnant. However, she isn't sure if the baby's father is Mark Darcy (Colin Firth), her on-and-off boyfriend, or Jack Qwant (Patrick Dempsey), her new

American love interest. Sharon Maguire, who directed 2001's Bridget Jones's Diary, returns to helm this sequel. Jim Broadbent, Gemma Jones, and Emma Thompson co-star.

R, 1 hr. 42 min.

Comedy, Romance

# Zucchini-Oat Chocolate Chip Cookies



## INGREDIENTS

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/3 cup packed light-brown sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 cups shredded zucchini (from about 1 - 1 1/2 medium)
- 1 cup quick oats
- 3/4 cup chopped pecans or walnuts
- 1 2/3 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips

## DIRECTIONS

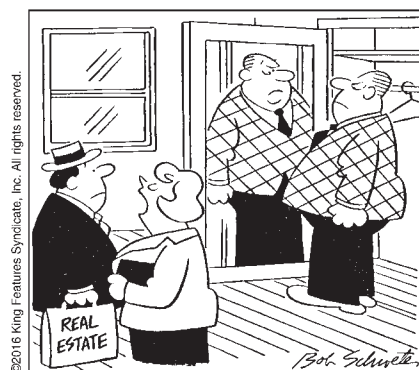
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a mixing bowl whisk together flour, cinnamon, baking soda and salt for 20 seconds, set aside. In the bowl of an electric stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment whip together butter, granulated sugar and brown sugar until creamy. Mix in egg and vanilla extract. Add zucchini and with mixer set on low speed, slowly add in flour mixture. Stir in oats, walnuts and chocolate chips (I reserved 1/3 cup of the chocolate chips to press into the tops of dough balls before baking, just for looks which is totally optional). Shape dough into balls, 2 Tbsp each, then transfer to a Silpat or parchment paper lined baking sheets, spacing cookies 2-inches apart. Bake in preheated oven 11 - 14 minutes until edges are lightly golden. Cool on baking sheet 2 minutes then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. Store in an airtight container.

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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!

Somber	<div>ROMEO</div>
Fury	<div>GEAR</div>
Fairy	<div>PRIEST</div>
Caavrt	<div>PROM</div>
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"A bit of advice — if you want to sell my husband, the \_\_\_\_\_ has to go!"

Answer key located in this edition



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