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Are you getting tired of ringing in the new year watching Dick Clark’s Rockin’ New Year’s Eve on TV? Maybe that was OK when the kids were little, but now you’re ready to go out and have some real fun with great food and live entertainment.

Or perhaps you’re a newbie to the New Year’s Eve scene and now that you’ve reached that magic age of 21, you want to ring in 2017 with friends. If so, there’s good news. Several local restaurants are making plans and taking reservations to ensure their guests have the best New Year’s Eve celebration of all time this year.

The Fenton Winery & Brewery is one of them. They plan to celebrate all day and include the college football playoffs. The fun begins at noon in the Taproom and lasts until 1 a.m. on Jan. 1.

According to their website, “Our owners are big Clemson fans (and who doesn’t want to root against Ohio State?) so join us for some fun in the taproom.”

There is no cover charge. Playoffs will be shown on a 120-inch screen. A host of new wines and beers will be released. The food promises to be fabulous with prime rib and chicken wings, French onion soup and a new dessert pizza.

Fenton Winery & Brewery is at 1370 N. Long Lake Road, Fenton. For more information, call (810) 373-4194, or email drink@fentonwinery.com.

Beale St. Smokehouse BBQ also is planning a smokin’ good time on New Year’s Eve. Ring in the new year with live music from “The Lost City Band,” from 8 p.m. Dec. 31 to 12 a.m. Jan. 1, 2017. They will be offering their full BBQ menu or smoked prime rib until midnight. Guests will also receive champagne and party favors at midnight.

Drinks and appetizers will be available after the ball drops. There is no cover charge. Make reservations by calling (810) 750-0507. Beale St. is at 2461 North Road in Fenton (U.S. 23, Exit 80). Reservations also are being accepted at the Fenton Hotel Tavern & Grille, 302 N. Leroy St., Fenton.

The Fenton Hotel Tavern & Grille continues to greet hungry patrons as it did when it was first built while the railroads came to Fenton in 1856. They feature a daily menu with a variety of delicious foods, and their New Year’s Eve celebration isn’t expected to be any different. For more information, call (810) 659-9820.

New Year’s Eve traditions include kissing and singing

No matter where people choose to celebrate the new year, it’s a good bet a TV will be around somewhere and most of them will join the countdown and watch the ball drop in Times Square in New York City.

The kiss
At the stroke of midnight it is customary to give the loved one nearest you a big kiss. Superstition has it that if you fail to kiss someone at when the clock strikes 12, you are destined for a year of loneliness.

“Auld Lang Syne”
Singing “Auld Lang Syne” is another favorite tradition. It is supposed to inspire goodwill toward men. The song’s title, which translates roughly to “times gone by” — has five verses, but if you know the first, you’ll already be miles ahead of your guests or companions who’ve had a little too much champagne.

Fireworks and noise
Fireworks and noise-making on New Year’s eve is believed to have originated in ancient times, when noise and fire were thought to ward off evil spirits and bring good luck.

The “bubbly”
The tradition of drinking champagne to mark celebrations like the New Year originated in the royal courts of Europe prior to 1789, where the expensive drink was viewed as a status symbol.

I promise to …
A New Year’s resolution is a promise a person makes for the new year, such as quitting smoking, losing weight, exercising more, or to name a few. Good luck with that.
Can’t say that anymore

My coworkers and I were talking the other day about things people used to say or do that are no longer appropriate or, if you will, politically correct.

It came up when I was putting together the piece (on B3) about famous rockers that are over 70 years old. I told them that many years ago, I watched Little Richard being interviewed on TV. The interviewer asked him if he was ‘gay.’

‘Of course I’m gay,’ he said with a big smile. ‘I am happy all the time.’

It was clearly very obvious that he was not aware that the young interviewer was questioning him about his sexual orientation.

When I was in sixth grade, I was in my school’s Christmas play. I don’t remember the name of the play, but it was about a bunch of broken toys that Santa Claus failed to pick up.

I played part of an “Aunt Jemima” doll. I was dressed like the Aunt Jemima who had pancake syrup bottle from head to toe — including the black face.

I also had to sing a song called “Ho Cake Town.” It started out, “Oooohoo, I want to go down to Ho Cake Town . . .” I also did a little jiggle of the pillows on my chest, belly and butt while I sang.

My dad said our next door neighbor, who was a Kankakee, Illinois police officer at the time, laughed so hard he peed his pants.

Can you even imagine a little girl being asked to play such a role in today’s Christmas play? I think not.

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You know, like that rare occasion when someone digs up a potato that looks like a Valentine’s heart or something. ‘Oh look, this is queer.’ Not — can’t say it.

In my 1969 yearbook (sophomore year), many friends wrote notes. One of them named Karen, who I don’t remember at all, wrote, ‘Dear Vera, I’m glad I met you this year. Last year when I first met you I thought you were queer. But not no more, aren’t you glad? Well, I’ll see you this summer especially at work. Well, good luck with Chris (I don’t remember a Chris either) and have a great summer.

Love, Karen.’

I thought nothing of being called ‘queer’ back then, except maybe if she was making fun of my hair or shoes or something.

Years later, in 1995, when I started working for the Tri-County Times, the editorial staff was in its weekly meeting. It was the beginning of December and Holly Whestone was the editor.

Jan Ryneian (who died in February of 2011 at the age of 77) said, ‘I want to write a story about when the Japs bombed Pearl Harbor.’

Holly almost fell out of her chair. ‘I wasaaan, you can’t say that!’ But Jan didn’t think anything of it. She was 8 years old on Dec. 7, 1941 and in her mind, the ‘Japs’ did bomb Pearl Harbor. You could tell by the look on her face that she didn’t know she said something wrong.

Jan, who would never purposely say anything to hurt anyone ever, also was fond of using descriptive phrases like, ‘that little colored fellas.’

Yes, things have certainly changed over the years, but we really need to lighten up. Maybe it’s my inner hippie talking, but people are way too uptight these days.

And, at the risk of saying something that is shockingly becoming inappropriate in some circles, I wish to wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

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Current status: He still stages stadium concerts all over the world.

Jerry Lee Lewis (78)

Jerry Lee Lewis is a pioneer of rock and roll and “rockabilly” music. Known as “The Killer,” two of his greatest songs include “Whole Lotta Shakin’ Goin’ On” and “Great Balls of Fire.”

Current status: His once busy concert schedule has been reduced to a small number of gigs a year.

Grace Slick (77)

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Little Richard (80)

Little Richard is another singer whose countless songs can be sung word for word by his many fans. They include “Good Golly Miss Molly,” “Long Tall Sally,” “Lucille,” and the ever popular “Tutti Frutti.”

Current status: Little Richard has been plagued by health problems in recent years and is largely confined to a wheelchair, but still makes occasional brief live appearances.

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Experts share advice to improve financial future

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We asked two local, successful financial experts whose life’s work it is to make people millionaires and one millennial who is on the fast track to becoming one, the same question.

The question is: “I am 23 years old and still live with my parents. I can’t not live with my parents because I pay $215 a month in student loans (for the next 20 years) and $150 a month for my car. That does not include any insurance or anything else like clothes, etc. I have a good job, but it does not pay enough to afford an apartment, especially in the tri-county area. Many of my friends are in the same boat with similar and much higher monthly bills. What advice do you have for young people like us?”

James B. Kruzan
www.kaydannelwealthmanagement.com

James B. Kruzan, CFP, CRPC for Kayden Wealth Management, Inc. advises, “First, create a game plan. Rome wasn’t built in a day and more than likely a permanent solution to your situation won’t materialize overnight.”

“So here are a few ideas. Create a budget. Figure out what it really takes to maintain your ‘lifestyle.’ Be honest about your expenses. Starbucks coffee, a new car and the latest smart phone are luxuries not necessities.

“Set goals. You want to move out of the folk’s house by when? What will it take to get there? What’s your first step? Where will you economize?

“Be honest about goals and desires. Maybe optimal just won’t work, but with a little luck, good enough will. Start saving. Pay yourself first. Build that emergency fund.

“Consider working in areas which offer Public Service Loan Forgiveness. There are a number of programs offering some form of loan forgiveness or direct payments. Research these.

“Government entities and non-profits have needs for many graduates with a wide range of specialties and disciplines.

“A journey of one thousand miles begins with the very first step. Good luck.”

Fred Hensler
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Fred Hensler is president of Sapphire Blue Investment Partners, Hensler & Associates Wealth Management, Inc. and Physicians Wealth Management Services, LTD.

He said, “Wake up and start taking responsibility for yourself. Stop your self-limiting thoughts right now this minute and start to explore your wildest dreams.

“If you truly want to break out you shouldn’t be thinking about how to move out of your parents’ house, you should be looking toward how you are going to aspire to live in a million dollar lakefront property, drive a great car, and have a productive self-fulfilling life.

“You live in the greatest country in the world where opportunity abounds without restriction. You and you alone are in charge of your future. If you chose to live at home and believe that you have a good job, yet can’t afford a $215 a month student loan and a $150 per month car payment, something is seriously wrong with your vision.

“At our firm we specialize in working with successful business owners, multimillionaires, people who have had the tenacity to look opposition square in the eye and take on the beast head on. Some refer to us as successful; others refer to us as lucky. I will tell you that those that make their own luck are typically the most successful and those who are successful had no excuses, no holds barred desire for conquest.

“When I first started in the investment management business, the normal work week was a 70-hour week. Many of our most successful clients would agree that this is the norm for them as well. We work hard and play hard too. I live by the Zig Ziglar philosophy of life that states, ‘You can have anything you want out of life if you simply help enough other people get what they want.’

“Only you can choose your own destiny. If you are happy living at home and working a job that barely pays the bills, then I say OK fine, it’s your life, but, I truly would love to see you reach for your dreams. If you want to take that challenge, set your goals high and develop a plan to reach those goals, I promise you can be anything you want to be. Easy no, achievable, you bet it is.

“Life is about choices, make your’s today.”

Ed Constable
www.edconstable.com

Ed Constable, 27, is a successful Realtor, landlord, and property owner, who began doubling down, working on his own success at an early age.

He advises others, “For anyone on a tight budget but does not want to rent or live with their parents, I would recommend purchasing a small multi-family building that is two to four units.

“These type of properties can be purchased for as little as 3.5 percent down with 30-year mortgages so the payments are very low. Buyers with credit scores as low as 600 can still qualify. With the way the numbers work out on a transaction quite often the owner can rent the spare units and live in one of the unit’s expense free with the tenant(s) paying the bills for the building.

“Managing such properties in Genesee County is made easy because of the Genesee Landlord Association (GLA) that can teach you how to do everything for just a little over $100.

“One you are ready to move on past the duplex you can rent the unit you lived in and it will help offset part of your new mortgage expense.

“Essentially the plan is to get other people (tenants) to pay your bills for you so you don’t have to.”

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This year’s Jewish festival of lights began Dec. 24, ends Jan. 1, 2017

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It’s “Chrismukkah” time again, when the Jewish festival of lights celebration overlaps with the Christian celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

This year, Chanukah begins on Dec. 24 and ends on Jan. 1, 2017. The next time Chanukah (or Hanukkah) will overlap with Christmas again is Dec. 23–30, 2019. For those who have never heard of Chrismukkah, it was a faux holiday, created by Seth Cohen (portrayed by Adam Brody) on the FOX television series, The O.C., for his protestant-Jewish family.

The final episode of The O.C. aired in February 2007, but the term “Chris-mukkah” has lived on.

What is Chanukah?

Chanukah is the Jewish eight-day, wintertime “Festival of lights,” celebrated with a nightly menorah lighting, special prayers and fried foods.

The Hebrew word Chanukah means “dedication,” and is thus named because it celebrates the rededication of the Holy Temple. Also spelled Hanukkah (or variations of that spelling), the Hebrew word is actually pronounced with a guttural, “kh” sound, kha-nu-kah, not tcha-new-kah.

In the second century BCE (Before Common Era), the Holy Land was ruled by the Seleucids (Syrian-Greeks), who tried to force the people of Israel to accept Greek culture and beliefs instead of mitzvah observance and belief in Gd (see sidebar).

Against all odds, a small band of faithful Jews, led by Judah the Maccabee, defeated one of the mightiest armies on earth, drove the Greeks from the land, reclaimed the Holy Temple in Jerusalem and rededicated it to the service of Gd.

When they sought to light the temple’s menorah (the seven-branched candelabrum), they found only a single cruse of olive oil that had escaped contamination by the Greeks. Miraculously, they lit the menorah and the one-day supply of oil lasted for eight days, until new oil could be prepared under conditions of ritual purity.

To commemorate and publicize these miracles, the sages instituted the festival of Chanukah.

The following are some things people may not know about Chanukah:

The coins

Gelt, the Yiddish word for coins, is a relatively new tradition — and no one knows who invented it. While coins — “gelt” or money have been part of Chanukah observance for centuries, chocolate gelt is considerably younger. Opinions differ concerning the origins of chocolate gelt.

Some credit America’s Loft candy company with creating it in the 1920s, while others suggest there were European versions earlier that inspired Israel’s Elite Candy company. Chocolate gelt is said to resemble a European Christmas tradition of exchanging gold-covered chocolate coins “commemorating the miracles of St. Nicholas.”

Chanukah story is not in the Hebrew Bible

The books of Maccabees, which tell the story of Chanukah, weren’t included in the Hebrew Bible — but they are in the Catholic Bible.

There are different theories explaining why the first-century rabbis who canonized the scriptures omitted the Maccabees, ranging from the text’s relative newness at the time to fears of alienating the Roman leadership in control of Jerusalem at the time.

Game of dreidel

The game of dreidel was inspired by a German game played at Christmastime, which is itself an imitation of an English and Irish one.

The Eastern European game of dreidel (including the letters nun, gimmel, hey, shin) is directly based on the German equivalent of the British totum game: N = Nichts = nothing; G = Ganz = all; H = Halb = half; and S = Stell ein = put in. In German, the spinning top was called a “torrel” or “trundl.”

Greasy foods

Oily food (latkes and sufganiyot) isn’t Chanukah’s only culinary tradition. Traditionally, Chanukah has included foods containing cheese, whose liberal recognition of Judith use of the salty treat facilitated a victory for the Maccabees.

Sources: myjewishlearning.com; chabad.org; reformjudaism.org

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Cheese latkes

To combine the two unhealthy but delicious traditions, try this recipe for cheese latkes.

INGREDIENTS:

Peanut oil
1 teaspoon garlic or 2 garlic cloves
1/2 teaspoon salt or tamari
2 potatoes
2/3 lb. farmer’s cheese, dry cottage cheese, or dry feta
2 tablespoons matzah meal or flour
1/4 teaspoon baking powder
2 eggs

PREPARATION:

Peel, cube, and boil potatoes. Mash. Add cheese. Beat eggs well and add. Add matzah meal or flour, baking powder, and spices. Heat oil until hot and put large spoonful for each pancake. Cook until brown and flip.
The former Hot Shots Photography has a new owner and expanded photo studio

By Sally Rummel

Local photographer Erik Smith bought the former Hot Shots Photography one year ago from owners Glenn and Amanda Tito. They had owned the business for almost 20 years. Now known as HSP Imaging, the business is located in Lakewinds Plaza, near Walsh Chiropractic, 1337 North LeRoy St., Fenton.

What is your main niche in photography?

We are a full service photography studio, doing senior portraits, weddings, families, pets, special occasion, children’s and newborn photography. We do in-studio work, as well as on location, and offer packages. We photograph teams at area schools, including Fenton, Lake Fenton, Bendle and some work in Holly. We shoot many youth sports leagues in Fenton and Linden, including Upward Basketball.

What sets your business apart?

We have our own in-house photo lab, which provides top level products under our own control. We can also turn around jobs quickly because our work is done in-house.

Who is on your staff?

Our lab manager, Sheena Harris, has been with the company for eight years. Amanda Allen is our studio manager and our lead photographer is Peter Putman.

What’s new at HSP Imaging?

We just expanded our business space and put in a new state-of-the-art 1,300 square foot photo studio in November.

Owner Erik Smith, 31, bought the business in October 2015. He manages the office, shoots events and edits photos. He employs up to 15 people depending on the season. He’s also the father of twin 4-year-old boys.

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steaks and seafood. The “Hotel” offers the only live piano bar with live entertainment in Fenton. For more information and to make New Year’s Eve reservations, call (810) 750-9463.

Boston’s, at 3324 Owen Road, must be planning a pretty classy affair for New Year’s Eve. Guests are encouraged to “dress to impress.” They will enjoy entertainment via a soundtrack by Chachi. There is no cover charge and champagne toast will be provided.

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Regardless of how you choose to ring in the new year, have fun and be safe on the roads.

For those wanting to spend their New Year’s Eve in the Holly area, they might want to check out Andy’s Place at 208 S. Broad St., Holly. They have food and drink specials. For details, call (248) 382-5020.

Doug Lintz of Tyrone Township hugs friend Shelly Fender of Argentine Township Tuesday night at The Fenton Hotel Tavern & Grill. Doug and his wife Sue (right) will be spending their New Year’s Eve here. “We love it here, we love our bartender,” said Sue.

HSP Imaging
Hi there, I have a 2008 Honda Civic 2.2cxl. Anytime I turn the heat on, the fan starts making a noise which gets louder and louder. However when I turn the heat off, the fan makes more noise and immediately stops. When I'm driving and steer the wheel to the left as I turn, the heater rattles then starts making noise. Any ideas?

Randall, this sounds like a blower motor wheel that is coming loose. You will need to take the blower motor out to check this, but also be aware that this time of year that small animals like to hide nuts and other items in places like this. Don’t be surprised to find this and if you do, try spraying some perfume or ammonia around the fender wells and under the car as this odor will offend the little rodents. Be careful not to spray on to anything that may get hot or create a spark as these items can be flammable.

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**BUSINESS HAS BEEN ‘DOWNHILL’ AT MT. HOLLY FOR 60 YEARS**

Local ski and snowboard resort continues to be a landmark recreation area

By Sally Rummel

Mt. Holly Ski & Snowboard Resort is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. Mark Tibbits, general manager and president of Mt. Holly Resort, Inc., has been at the helm since 1997. He began working at Mt. Holly part-time in 1977 and became Lift Operations Manager in 1979. He also holds a stockholder interest as part owner, but Mother Nature is a strong silent partner.

What has been the biggest change at Mt. Holly in the last 60 years?

Most assuredly, the snowmaking. Mt. Holly was one of the first areas to have snowmaking in Southeastern Michigan. Starting in December 1956 with just a few crude duckbill snowmaking apparatus, by 1979 the fleet had grown to 20 machines. In the early 1980s, with our challenging climate, Mt. Holly expanded its snowmaking capability, adding at least 10 snowmaking machines annually. Our current fleet is 145, quickly able to correct any adverse conditions from Mother Nature.

The second biggest change is the capacity to move skiers up the hill. In a nutshell, early uphill capacity in the 1950s ranged from 2,000-2,500 passengers per hour, compared to today’s capacity of more than 13,000 passengers per hour.

What’s the earliest you’ve ever opened, and when’s the latest you’ve ever skied in the spring?

In my 39-year career, the earliest was very recent, Nov. 13, 2013. The latest in recent years was March 26, but in the mid 1970s, a closing was noted after the first week of April.

Any plans for improvements or growth for the 2016-17 ski season?

Mt. Holly added five snow-making machines to its fleet this year. In addition, a water cooling system was added to its snowmaking pond to help improve snow making production.

What sets Mt. Holly apart from other ski resorts?

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13356 Dixie Hwy.
Telephone: (248) 634-8269
skimtholly.com

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**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

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IT WOULD BE nice if everyone could give the garbage and recycling pickup men a tip once a year — they sure deserve it.

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AS I READ that the administration suggests that Putin was involved in U.S. hacking to help Trump, I wonder why the administration-controlled FBI and Justice department did not find the emails.

WHAT DO THESE states have in common — California, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, and Washington? They all voted for Clinton and they are all on the west and east coasts.

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**TEXT YOUR HOT LINE**

810-771-TEXT (8398)

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**TAKE CALIFORNIA OUT** of the popular vote and Trump wins the popular vote by 1.4 million. I don’t want to live in a country ruled by celebrity nuts.

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WHY DON’T YOU guys take a break and do like Hillary said, ‘What difference does it make?’

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WHILE REPUBLICANS ARE screaming that we should accept the result of the presidential election, Republicans in North Carolina are busy stripping the governor of most of his power because they lost the governor election. Republicans are evil.

THE WINNER-TAKE-all aspect of the Electoral College should be eliminated. Electors should be elected by legislative district. Every district would have equal representation. This would give us the Republican form of government required in Article 4 of the Constitution.

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WHEN YOU SAY that the King doesn’t know what he is talking about did you mean about college or just in general?

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I AGREE THAT the hill and run in Kentucky was tragic, but on the other hand we have thousands of hits and runs every year. It has nothing to do with immigration.

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THE GUY FROM Troy is no match for the Fenton hockey player. Too tough!

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PEOPLE WHO MOVE to Florida and brag about warm weather annoy me.
PUBLIC NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS DECEMBER 19, 2016

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday December 19, 2016 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 15060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

1. Trustee Goupil offered the opening prayer.
2. Clerk Krug led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
3. Appointed Clerk Krug as temporary Chairman.
4. Approved the agenda as presented.
5. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of $468,828.82.
6. Adopted Ordinance No. 792, an amendment to Zoning Ordinance No. 594 to revise PUD conditions for parcels 06-11-200-030, 06-11-100-001, 06-11-504-009 & 06-11-504-010, (former Lang’s Marina property) as revised.
7. Adopted Ordinance No. 793, a Waterways & Marine Safety Ordinance.
8. Approved Resolution No. 2016-28, amending the authorized signature card for Community Development Block Grant projects.
9. Re-appointed John Brancheau, Beverly McKenna and Joyce Theodoroff to the Tri-County Times Board of Review for the term ending December 31, 2018.
10. Approved a 2017 GIS Services Agreement with North Arrow Technologies, Inc.
11. Adopted amendments to the 2016 Fenton Township Budget.
12. Adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 15060 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

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FACULTY PHYSICIAN-FAMILY MEDICINE
wanted to provide Family Medicine medical care to patients. Work location: Rint, MI. Send resume to: Dr. Pokhrel, McLaren Regional Medical Center, G-3230 Beecher Road, Suite 1, Rint, MI 48352.

LOOKING FOR RESPONSIBLE high school student to work 4 days a week 3:5 pm. Light clerical, cleaning and babysitting. Please call 248-627-4978. Family Dr. Office.

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GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any person or persons removing personal property from a residential or commercial premises and placing said personal property in the front lawn or street right-of-way in violation of Chapter 8.04 of the City of Linden Municipal Code. As a result of a foreclosure or eviction proceeding is guilty of a misdemeanor.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any personal property so deposited in the front lawn or street right-of-way constitutes a public nuisance. The City of Linden will take immediate action to abate the nuisance. Any costs or expenses incurred by the City of Linden will be charged as a special assessment against the subject property and placed upon the tax rolls for collection.

CITY OF LINDEN
By: Lynn M. Henry, City Clerk

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SUNDAY PAPER: Display Ads: Wednesday 3 p.m. • Line Ads: Noon Thursday • WEDNESDAY PAPER: Display Ads: Monday 3 p.m. • Line Ads: Noon Tuesday
VILLAGE OF HOLLY

CDBG RE-PROGRAMMING
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) requirements a Public Hearing will be held by the Village of Holly on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at or about 7:00 PM in the Village of Holly Council Chambers, 920 E. Baird Street, Holly, MI to receive written and verbal comment regarding the reprogramming of federal CDBG funds as follows:

EXISTING – 2016 Program Year

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Cathrene A. Behrens
Clerk/Treasurer

ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

December 14, 2016

Supervisor Scheib-Snider called the Regular Meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Rose Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Board Members Present: Scheib-Snider, Miller, Gambka, Blaska, Noble
Board Members Absent/Excused: None
Approved: Agenda.
Approved: Consent Agenda.
Approved: Resolution appointing new member, Theresa Blaska, to Holly Area Youth Assistance.
Approved: Resolution appointing Glen Noble to the Rose Township Planning Commission for three year term.
Approved: Resolution appointing Dianne Scheib-Snider and Paul Gambka to the North Oakland County Fire Authority Board for a four year term.
Approved: Resolution appointing Dianne Scheib-Snider and Glen Noble as Rose Township Parks and Recreation Coordinators for a four year term.
Approved: Resolution appointing Chester Koop and Paul Gambka to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three year term.
Approved: Resolution appointing Patricia Walls, Agnes Miesch and Dier Rushon to the Rose Township Board of Review for a two year term.
Approved: Selling Parcel ID #06-22-302-019 to Michael and Lucy Brooks for appraised value of $4,000.00.
Approved: North Oakland County NO HAZ Interlocal Agreement between Oakland County and Rose Township for $10.00 per car.
Adjourned: By motion at 8:03 p.m.

Dianne Scheib-Snider
Rose Township Supervisor
Debbie Miller, MMC, CMMC
Rose Township Clerk
TYRONE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS HELD DECEMBER 20, 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 amended; approved the consent agenda as presented.
3. Received and placed on file Communications #1-3 as presented.
4. Authorized to purchase insurance to cover potential data breaches.
5. Approved the request of Derritrios and Kelly Athanasious and for land division of parcel #4704-28-100-017 on Gordon Road into four parcels.
6. Approved the request of Demitrios and Kelly Athanasious and for land division of parcel #4704-19-301-019 and #4704-19-301-022 on Driftwood Drive.
7. Authorized the write-off of an old accounts receivable of Latch Inc.
8. Approved a one year addition to the contract with Gabridge & Co. for audit services.
9. Tabled the request for election chair bonuses.
10. Discussed township hall rentals.
11. Authorized the Clerk to sign the Election Coordinating Agreements with Genesee County and Livingston County.
12. Approved the Supervisor’s request to attend the annual MATS conference not to exceed the cost of $500.
13. Adjourned at 7:28 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.tyrone-township.us. The next regular meeting of the Tyrone Township Board will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

Marcella Husted, Tyrone Township Clerk
**Obituaries**

**Alan Lloyd**

**Anna Firestone**

**Bernice Witten**

**Beatrice McIntyre**

**Derek Fogelberg**

**Danny Scobey**

**Jerome Ammerman**

**Doris Montague**

**Mae Jimenez**

**Zero-calorie drinks no match for water**

**DEAR DR. ROACH:**
I walk 30-60 minutes about four times a week and drink several times from a water bottle that I carry with me. Would it be OK to occasionally substitute caffeine-free diet soda for the water?

**ANSWER:**
I’ve talked a few times about this and the controversy about whether it helps people lose weight or whether, despite having zero calories, it makes people more likely to gain weight. There has been evidence for both. A recent and fascinating study was published showing that artificially sweetened beverages predispose a person to higher blood sugars, and that the effect was due to changes in the bacteria in the gut (called the microbiome). These bacteria have become the focus of intensive study of how important they are for our overall health. I recommend against habitual use of artificially sweetened beverages. Occasional use of diet soda is unlikely to harm much; however, water — still or bubbly, plain or with a wedge of fruit — is the best and most natural way to hydrate.

**DEAR DR. ROACH:**
I am 68 years old, and will be having bypass surgery soon. After my surgery, will L-arginine be good for my heart? I know I will be walking every day.

— G.J.S.

**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!

Answer key located in this edition

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**Parmesan Roasted Baby Carrots**

**INGREDIENTS**
- 4-5 cups baby carrots
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 4 cloves (2 teaspoons) minced garlic
- 3 Tablespoons grated parmesan cheese
- 1 to 2 Tablespoons panko bread crumbs, optional
- 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt, more to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper, more to taste
- Chopped parsley, optional

**DIRECTIONS**
1. Preheat oven to 400°F and line a baking sheet with foil. Spray with non-stick cooking spray.
2. Place the olive oil, garlic, parmesan, bread crumbs, salt and pepper in a large zip top bag. Add the carrots and shake until they are well coated. Then spread out onto the prepared baking sheet.
3. Bake for 20 - 25 minutes, or until tender. Toss with a spatula half way through.
4. Remove from oven and serve immediately. Top with fresh parsley if desired.

**WHERE IN THE WORLD IS ALFRED HITCHCOCK?**

In 1962, Alfred Hitchcock and a 30-year-old François Truffaut sequestered themselves in a windowless Hollywood office for a week-long conversation. The result: the seminal book “Hitchcock/Truffaut,” published a half century ago, dissecting every film Hitchcock had made until then, illuminating his masterful techniques, making the case for the popular director as an artist, and influencing generations of filmmakers. Kent Jones brings the “Bible of Cinema” to life.

**HITCHCOCK/ TRUFFAUT**
PG-13, 1 hr. 20 min. Documentary

**HUSBANDS**
PG-13, 1 hr. 36 min. Action and Adventure, Drama

**MAYFAIR**
PG-13, 1 hr. 20 min.

**PARIS CALL GIRLS**
PG-13, 1 hr. 20 min.

**DON'T BE AFRAID TO FADE**
PG-13, 1 hr. 20 min.

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**DVD RELEASES**

**86%** liked it
(Audience score on rottentomatoes.com)

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**To your Good Health by Keith Roach, M.D.**

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**HITCHCOCK/ TRUFFAUT**
PG-13, 1 hr. 20 min. Documentary

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**BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN**
PG-13, 1 hr. 20 min.

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**ENGAGEMENT**
PG-13, 1 hr. 20 min.

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**In the aftermath of this unprecedented and heroic feat, the traumatized pilot must endure second-guessing by investigators, the weight of sudden fame, and his own doubts about his actions that fateful day. Anna Gunn, Laura Linney, and Aaron Eckhart co-star. Directed by Clint Eastwood.**

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