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This is the third in a series of stories about other countries, to be published each month

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Ireland... At a glance

Size: 32,599 square miles

Languages spoken: English, Gaelic or Gaeilge

Capital: Dublin

Population: 4,832,765

Growth rate: 1.2 percent

Birth rate: 15.18/1,000

Infant mortality rate: 3.74/1,000

Life expectancy: 80.56

Monetary unit: Euro

Ethnicity/race: Irish 84 percent, other white races 9.8 percent, Asian 1.9 percent, black 1.4 percent, mixed and other 0.9 percent, unspecified 1.6 percent

GDP: (from 2013) \$190.4 billion, per capita \$41,000

Inflation: 0.6 percent

Unemployment: 13.5 percent

LANGUAGE

The Irish speak English, but with strong dialects that can be hard for Americans to understand. Some Irish also may speak Gaelic or Gaeilge.

AIRFARE

According to expedia.com, flights from America to Ireland could cost \$400 to \$600 or higher, depending on where you fly from.

See **IRELAND** on 2B

How do the Irish celebrate St. Patrick's Day?

With St. Patrick's Day on March 17, people around the world are going to celebrate what they believe to be Irish culture— shamrocks, drinking Irish whiskey and green beer, potatoes, corn beef and cabbage.

But there's so much more to Ireland than that.

Ireland is located in the Atlantic Ocean and is separated from Great Britain by the Irish Sea. The entire island, except for six counties, which make up Northern Ireland and is part of the United Kingdom, is Ireland.

The island has a central plain and is lined with mountains, except in the Dublin region. The mountains are low, with the highest peak, Carrantouhill in County Kerry, at 3,415 ft.

The main river is the Shannon, which flows

south from the north-central area for about 240 miles until it empties into the Atlantic.

The popular Irish symbol, the shamrock, is the country's official symbol. The flag has vertical stripes of green, then white, then orange. Traditional Irish sports include Gaelic football and hurling, which are also the most popular.

Their government is a Republic, and the economy has experienced a dramatic boom since the late 20th century. American tech companies have invested massively in Ireland. Approximately 25 percent of Europe's computers are made in Ireland, and it's the world's largest exporter of software.

Some of the most famous authors came from Ireland, like Jonathan Swift (*Gulliver's Travels*), Bram Stoker (*Dracula*) and James Joyce (*Ulysses*).

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RELIGION

The Roman Catholic Church has a huge presence in Irish culture. Approximately 84 percent of citizens identify with the Roman Catholic church. About 2.7 percent belong to the Church of Ireland, about 2.7 percent are Christian, 1.1 percent are Muslim and others aren't religious or don't identify with a specific religion.

HOTELS

There are many hotels to choose from in Ireland. The Park House Hotel in Galway has a 4.5/4 rating, while the Jurys Inn Dublin Christchurch In Dublin has a 4/5 rating, according to tripadvisor.com.

The Merrion Hotel in Dublin has a

5/5 rating, and the The Westbury, also in Dublin, has a 4.5/5 rating. Ratings depend on the hotel, but most cost around \$200 a night.

CURRENCY

Monetary unit: Euro

Currently, one Euro equals 1.06 dollar, according to currency calculator, which means you would have more money traveling there. It's acceptable to use credit cards such as Visa and Mastercard.

GREETINGS/PHRASES

Etiquette is similar to American culture. In Ireland, loud, boisterous behaviors in public are discouraged. Strangers usually look directly at each other and say "hello" in greeting. One difference is that formal introductions are usually only vocal and don't include a handshake.

"Sure look it." This is an acceptable response for any question, statement, or comment.

"A whale of a time."

This is an expression of how good a time someone has had.

"The jacks." This means the bathroom.

"Go way outta that" is an exclamation of disbelief, or a standard response when someone pays you a compliment.

"Arseways" describes when something went wrong.

CUISINE

The potato is the most important part of Irish cuisine. Most cooking is done without herbs or spices, except salt and pepper. Grains are important, as well as dairy products.

The Irish have also made cheese for years, and the country makes about 50 types of homemade cheeses. Soups, seafood, and meats, such as beef, lamb, and pork, are also staples in the Irish diet. Their country is surrounded by water, so many frequently enjoy salmon, scallops, lobster, mussels and oysters.

Traditional Irish stew

This is made with potatoes, onions, carrots, bacon, and lamb chops. The different ingredients are layered and then baked.

Irish Soda bread

This is normal bread with raisins and caraway seeds baked in.

Corned beef with cabbage

Made with brisket, beef, carrots, onions and many other ingredients, corned beef with cabbage is one of the most popular Irish dishes.

DIFFERENCES AND SIMILARITIES

While Ireland is small compared to U.S. states (it's approximately half the size of Georgia) it proves that good things come in small packages.

St. Patrick's Day is Ireland's official national holiday, where they celebrate Saint Patrick and the arrival of Christianity in the country. Irish people mainly spend the day drinking, eating, and attending celebratory events, like parades and festivals.

The Irish enjoy beer more than Americans. The world famous Guinness beer is from Ireland, originating in the Dublin brewery of Arthur Guinness. The Irish consume on average 131.1 liters of beer per year, which is the second highest per capita after the Czech Republic.

The drinking age in Ireland is 18.

Medical services are free for about a third of the population. All others



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The Temple Bar is one of Dublin's popular pubs.

Pubs, or bars, are numerous in Ireland. In Dublin, there's one pub for every 100 people.

pay minimal charges at public health facilities. Most rural communities have locally known healers or healing places.

PLACES TO SEE IN IRELAND

One of the most beautiful spots in Ireland include the Canary Islands, which is the most popular sunshine destination with retired Irish citizens.

The Cliff's of Moher are popular. These cliffs tower over the Atlantic Ocean in the west. They offer incredible views.

The Giant's Causeway consists of 40,000 polygonal basalt rock columns, formed by volcanic landscape. It stretches along the coastline with gigantic stepping stones.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT IRELAND

The average height of Irish men is 5-feet, 8-inches and the average height of Irish women is 5-feet, 5-inches.

Out of all Europeans, the Irish report the least number of UFO sightings. Only 9 percent of the Irish population are natural redheads. May is the dirtiest month out of the year.

Approximately 57 percent of Irish people wear glasses or contact lenses. Cats outnumber dogs as Ireland's most popular pet by two to one.

Pubs, or bars, are plentiful. In Dublin, there's one pub for every 100 people.

In entertainment, a song only needs to sell 5,000 copies to top the Irish music charts and a book only needs to sell 3,000 copies to top the Irish bestseller list.

In 2002, Ireland was the first country in the world to place an environmental tax on plastic shopping bags. In 2004, it was the first to implement a public smoking ban.

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If you decide to purchase a boat, one of the first questions you should ask yourself is what kind of loan you want to apply for. Loans for boats from financial institutions are definitely available, but there are alternative options for boat financing you may want to consider, according to AdvisoryHQ.

■ FINANCING A BOAT USING A PERSONAL LOAN

A personal loan is a form of unsecured credit. You can also get secured personal loans that are tied to a specific asset as collateral, but these are usually just deemed auto loans or mortgages.

PROS OF USING A PERSONAL LOAN FOR BOAT FINANCING

Typically, unsecured personal loans are term loans. Instead of a revolving loan that can be used and repaid regularly (such as a credit card), a term loan assumes you have been given all of the money to spend.

You also get approved for a personal loan faster than you typically do for other loans, such as mortgages or auto loans. A personal loan also carries less interest than a credit card.

CONS OF USING A PERSONAL LOAN FOR BOAT FINANCING

Just because your interest rate will be lower does not mean it will be your lowest option. Using personal loans as loans for boats means you are using an unsecured form of credit to pay for your boat.

Secured loans typically come with lower interest rates since the lender has a right to the collateral asset to recoup his or her losses if you are unable to pay back the loan.

■ FINANCING A BOAT USING A HOME EQUITY LOAN OR LINE OF CREDIT

If you have a lot of equity built up in your home, you can take out a loan using the equity in your home as collateral and use that loan for boat financing. You will receive lower rates because you have your home as

collateral, making this loan less risky for the lender.

The downside of using home equity lines of credit is that you are putting your home in jeopardy by transferring debt to another asset that carries debt.

■ AVOID CREDIT CARDS FOR BOAT FINANCING UNLESS IT IS AS A TEMPORARY MEASURE

Putting a large purchase, like a boat, on a credit card is a bad idea. If you are cringing at boat loan rates, wait until you get a look at your credit card interest rate applied to a large purchase like a boat.

If you come across a good boat deal that needs to be acted on now, and you can easily get a equity loan or

other loan with a more attractive interest rate (than that of credit cards) later on, then you can use your credit card to make the purchase and quickly pay it off with the other loan before interest starts accumulating.

■ GETTING BOAT LOANS THROUGH YOUR BOAT DEALER

If your boat dealer offers boat loans and attractive boat financing rates, it is as simple as sorting out the boat financing terms with the person you are buying your boat from.

Boat dealers have much incentive to offer boat loans and the best boat loan rates as part of their business. Making their dealership a one-stop shop for both boats and decent boat loan rates expedites the purchasing process. Additionally, many dealers have existing relationships with lending institutions and banks that offer boat loans.

IMPORTANT FACTORS TO CONSIDER BEFORE GETTING BOAT LOANS THROUGH BOAT DEALERS

Keep in mind that while some boat dealers may have attractive boat loan interest rates, others may charge higher rates for the convenience of providing financing in store.

Your boat dealer may have a terrific deal on a boat, but a deal that is only available for a limited time. Your boat dealer may make a proposition to you. If you use the boat loan interest rates offered by its partner lending institution, he or she will put that promotional price on hold for you, pending approval from that financial institution. As a result, you get the deal on the initial price of the boat, but you may not be getting the best boat loan rates.

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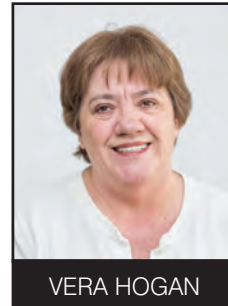
It has been a very long time since we've had a baby around the house, so we'll have to spend the next few months relearning some of the ropes. We don't know yet if our grandbaby is going to be a boy or a girl. And since we didn't have any girls ourselves, we'll have to do a lot more studying if nature leads us over to the pink side.

There is one thing though that I will never forget, something I hope doesn't happen while the baby is in my care. It's a big one.

I'll set the scene. It's Thanksgiving morning, 1992. Our baby boy had just turned 8 months old and his brother was two months away from his third birthday. We were going to spend the day at Grandpa and Grandma Hogan's house.

We got up that morning, had our breakfast and got ourselves and the kids ready. Willy, the baby, had his bath and smelled so wonderful, especially his beautiful shiny hair with Johnson's Baby Shampoo. I dressed him in this sweet little dark green velour outfit with a white cotton collar. He had on little white socks and black patent leather shoes. He was adorable! The most beautiful baby ever! I just wanted to kiss his little cheeks over and over.

As we started to leave the house, Mike with Sean, our almost 3-year-old and the diaper bag in tow, and me holding Willy, it happened, — Armageddon, Napalm in the Morning — Diaper Blowout!



VERA HOGAN

I don't think there is a parent on planet Earth who needs an explanation on diaper blowout. The cause appears to be some centrifugal force of nature that scientists have yet to explain. It comes out of nowhere, without warning and ends up everywhere, in the baby's hair, squishing out of his collar, out of his ears, out of the ends of both sleeves, over the top of his velour pants and out of the bottom of his pants into his white socks and shoes. Nothing was sacred.

Well, as most mothers will tell you, when diaper blowout happens, it's the dad that falls out first. He starts to back up with his hand over his mouth, gagging and mumbling something that sounds like, 'Oooomp, Oooomp, I'm sorry (gag, gag), I can't do this.' Then he turns and runs to the bathroom, where coincidentally you need to go to start cleaning up the baby.

By now, the sweet baby, sensing there is danger reaches his chubby little arms out to Mommy. He wants to put them around her neck and hopefully get those little kisses that show him he is still loved. He is, of course, crying the entire time.

Mommy, in the meantime, instinctively backs away, not wanting to get 'it' all over her own hair and blouse and baby's cries get more woeful and pitiful sounding.

Because of the nature and severity of the event, the entire episode, from blowout to cleanup, takes less than 30 minutes.

All fresh and clean and smelling delightful once again, we all get into the car and are off to Grandma and Grandpa's.

While he drives, Dad keeps apologizing, 'I'm so sorry, I'm so sorry, thank you for taking care of that. I couldn't do that, I'm so sorry.'

Me, the mommy, is gazing out the passenger side window thinking about how much stronger men are than women. At least that's what they always tell us.

By the way, our baby boy is almost 25 now — and he approves this message.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

THANKS TO THE Freedom of Information Act, and the JFK Information Act, we are certain of one truth — withholding of vital information about the Kennedy assassination wasn't done to protect the family.

YES, IT WOULD be nice if people would mind their own business.

I READ WITH interest the article on manufactured home living. I want to point out two or three other points. A manufactured home is registered at Secretary of State like a vehicle, so it doesn't appreciate in value, unlike a prefabricated or factory built home, which tends to appreciate.

TRUMPCARE IS GOING to replace Obamacare with the 'rest in peace' program.

ACCORDING TO THE New York Times, federal law enforcement officials have repeatedly said that 'none of the

investigations so far have found any conclusive or direct link between Mr. Trump and the Russian government.' The lamestream media is trying to create news, rather than report news.

FOR THE INTELLECTUAL giant who listed out all the hoaxes that he thought happened, most of those were real and you really ought to know something before you speak.

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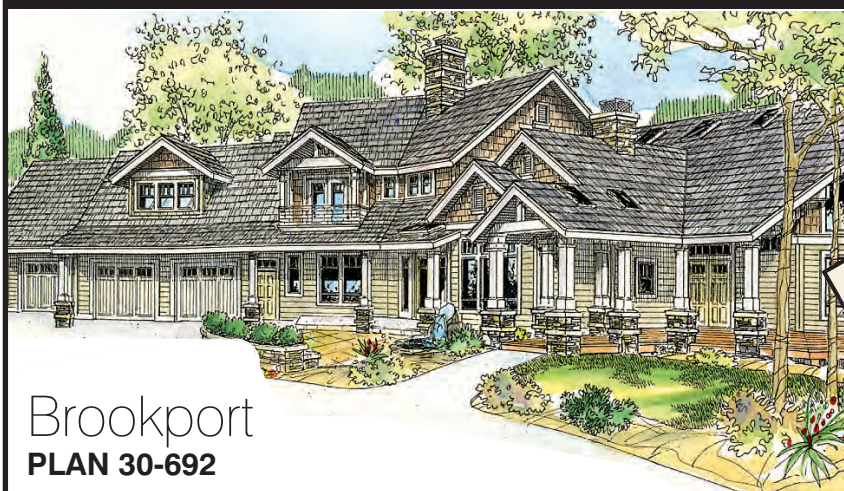
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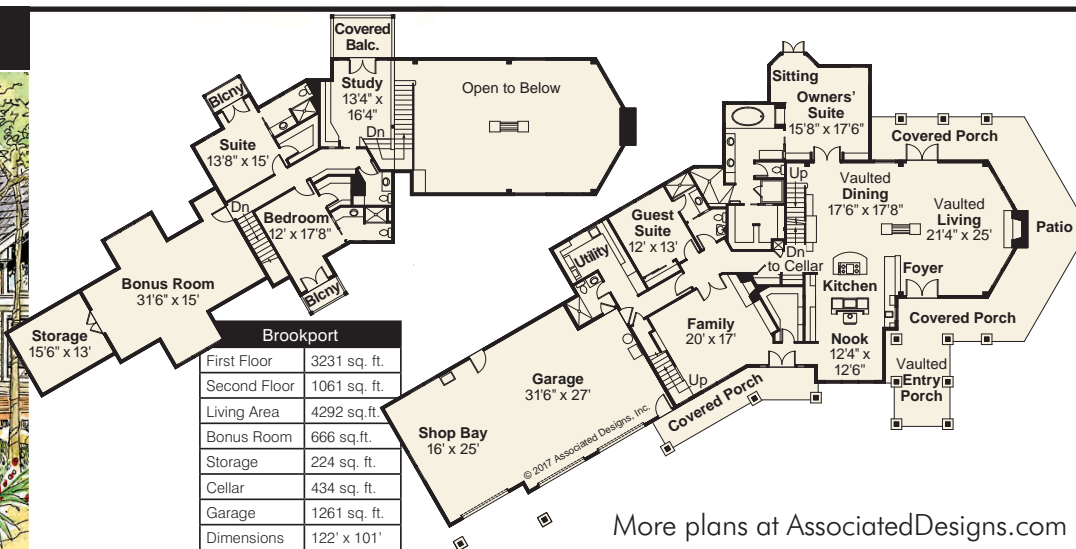
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SundaySudoku

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

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

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ACROSS
1 British Derby town
6 — apso (terrier)
11 Billy's bleat
14 Time and —
19 Name on a mower
20 Greek letters
21 Raised RRs
22 Storybook elephant
23 Cheer up the singer of "Galveston"?
26 Cowboy rope
27 "Aw, quit — bellyachin'!"
28 Frozen cubes
29 Puck, for one
30 Lack of law
32 Rice fields whose workers love a frothy pastry filling?
38 With a very sharp image, for short
40 Ipanema site, briefly
41 Drink in many a 58-Across
42 Corp. VIP
43 Scottish boys testifying in court?
49 Fr. woman with a halo
52 "As I see it," to a texter

33 "Science Guy" Bill
54 Turkey Day tuber
55 Artistic users of acid
58 Pub barrel
59 Farm fowls
61 Food grinder
65 "Zapped!" actor Willie
66 GQ staffers
67 Threw one's ordinary existence into confusion?
71 Sky's color, in Salerno
72 Luau guitar, for short
73 Ocean filler
74 Driver's 180
75 Horse riders' activity in an Asian island country?
81 Insult, hip-hop-style
84 "— a Grecian Urn"
85 Actor Davis
86 Rebuke to Brutus
87 Rhea's kin
88 Bill or Hillary
90 Suffix with joy or humor
93 Slim fish
94 Big primate
95 Slugger Griffey

96 Officer in charge of soft packing material?
102 Tycoon Onassis
104 Two, to José
105 Take it on the — (escape)
106 Woes
107 NFL announcer John acting up?
115 Typical
116 Crude stuff
117 Stud's place
118 Pay a visit to
121 Municipal
122 Deliver a craze
128 Up in the air
129 Nero's "I love"
130 Spirits in bottles
131 — -car (Avis service)
132 Hopes to get aier
133 "Fresh Air" aier
134 Artery-opening tube
135 Letters of plurals

DOWN
1 All nerves
2 Brazilian soccer hero

3 Sniffers in rescue operations
4 O'Hare airport code
5 Army doc
6 Tablecloths, e.g.
7 Ad — committee
8 "I'm — loss"
9 Froot Loops toucan
10 In line with
11 Hybrid meat
12 Completely
13 Like — in the face
14 Wear away
15 Beehive, e.g.
16 Ancient calculators
17 Machine shop tool
18 Gets ragged
24 Prefix with car or chic
25 Make dim, as by tears
31 Opposite of day, in Bonn
33 Kooky
34 Nation south of Braz.
35 Super-small
36 Opus finale
37 Drop-line link
38 "Looks great to me!"
39 Called
44 Aid for an asthmatic

45 Looked at amorously
46 Wire, e.g.
47 Stone of film
48 Word
49 Interstate rig
50 Not kosher
51 Nero's "to be"
56 Cruel Roman emperor
57 Physically fit
60 Aspersions
62 Linear, for short
63 Weigh down
64 As — (usually)
68 Squeezes (out)
69 Amaz of TV
70 Her niece is Dorothy
71 Weed — (lawn care brand)
75 Foot coverer
76 Be inactive
77 "No, Hans"
78 Charlie Chaplin's last wife
79 Era after era
80 Agenda part
81 Envy and lust
82 Urge to act
83 Plaintiffs
89 In arrears
91 Wrinkly citrus fruit

92 Flip through
97 34th prez
98 Show respect (to)
99 "Because — sol"
100 "Wow!" in an IM
101 Not a one
102 Going with the flow
103 Strikes back, say
107 Kind of parrot
108 Teresa's city
109 English county
110 "Borstal Boy" author
111 Many YouTube uploads
112 Prove apt for
113 Little battery
114 Rapper with six Grammys
119 Villa d'—
120 Greek letters
123 Rock blaster
124 Pooch's doc
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NOTICE
CITY OF LINDEN
BOARD OF REVIEW 2017

The City of Linden Board of Review will meet at Linden City Hall 132 E. Broad St. P O Box 507, Linden, Michigan 48451, at the following times for the purpose of hearing protests to assessed values and the review of poverty exemption applications, and Disabled Veteran Exemptions.

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 (organizational)
1:30pm-2:00pm

Monday, March 20, 2017
10:00am-12:00pm and 2:00pm-3:00pm

Tuesday, March 21, 2017
6:00pm-9:00pm

Meetings with the Board of Review will be by appointment only. To make an appointment, please contact the Assessor's Office at (810)735-7980, or visiting Linden City Hall at 132 E Broad St, Linden, Michigan 48451. Property Owners who reside out of the area may appeal in writing to the Board of Review. Written appeals must be received no later than 6:00pm on Tuesday, March 21, 2017.

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CLASSIFICATION	RATIO	MULTIPLIER
Commercial	49.19%	1.0165
Industrial	49.83%	1.0034
Residential	48.45%	1.0320

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

E	P	S	O	M	L	H	A	S	A	B	A	A	A	H	A	L	E
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G	L	A	D	D	E	N	C	A	M	P	B	E	L	L	R	I	A
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C	I	V	I	C		H	A	N	D	O	V	E	R	F	A	D	D
A	L	O	F	T		A	M	O		G	E	N	I		R	E	N
W	A	N	T	S		N	P	R		I	S	T	E	N	T		E

WEDNESDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS

Jumbles:
GIANT, LOUSY, TAUGHT, ABRUPT
Answer:
Too many glasses of rose' left her —
"BLUSHING"

SUNDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS

1. Ignore
2. Gaunt
3. Plea
4. Spoil
Word:
OPTIONS

SUNDAY SUDOKU ANSWERS

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

WEDNESDAY SUDOKU ANSWERS

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE
TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON

2017 BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review of the Charter Township of Fenton will meet at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan at the dates and times listed below.

Monday March 13, 2017
Tuesday March 14, 2017
Thursday March 16, 2017

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.*
1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**
4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

* *The Monday Board of Review session will be recessed for a 1-hour meal break at a time to be determined.*

** *The Tuesday Board of Review session will be recessed for a 1-hour meal break at approximately 5:00 p.m.*

At these sessions the Board of Review will hear any appeals or objections and review potential corrections to the assessment roll.

Property owners may file their appeals in writing, provided they are received by the Board of Review no later than 9:00 p.m. on March 16, 2017.

Property owners wishing to appeal in person may do so on a first-come-first-served basis on the dates and times indicated above.

APPOINTMENTS WILL NOT BE SCHEDULED.

TENTATIVE EQUALIZATION MULTIPLIERS		
Property Class	Ratio	Factor
Commercial	48.54	1.0300
Industrial	48.52	1.0305
Residential	46.38	1.0780

ROBERT E. KRUG, CLERK
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF A REGULAR PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD TUESDAY MARCH 28, 2017 AT 7:00 PM BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AT 12060 MANTAWAUKA. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

ZBA17-006 Chad Bugg, 12441 Sharp, Linden:
Requesting a variance from the number accessory buildings allowed, a 2 ft. height and 110 sq. ft. maximum allowable square footage of accessory building for a new 26 X 56 sq. ft. pole barn, parcel 06-23-200-023.

ZBA17-008 Betsey & Mathew Conley, 12238 Mantawauka, Fenton:
Requesting 22 ft. sight line, 3% coverage of lot by buildings, 18 ft. front yard setback, 1.5 ft. side yard and 1.5 ft. total two sides variances to build a new house after demolishing the existing and a 5 ft. height, 15.8 ft. front, 1.8 ft. and 3.7 ft. side yard set back variances and 160 sq. ft. maximum allowable square footage of accessory building variance to build a detached accessory building after demolishing the existing across the street, parcel 06-11-530-003.

ZBA07-009 Tracy Boettcher, 16321 Silver Fox Circle, Linden:
Requesting a 8 ft. front yard set back variance to correct an error made when the house was built, parcel 06-32-651-044

ZBA07-010 Ryan White, 13465 Haddon St. Fenton:
Requesting a 16 ft. sight line variance to replace existing deck, parcel 06-14-577-098.

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Ordinances, meeting schedules and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

ROBERT KRUG,
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

TYRONE TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC HEARING &
REGULAR BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS
HELD MARCH 7, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.

1. Present: Supervisor Mike Cunningham, Treasurer Marna Bunting-Smith, Clerk Marcella Husted, Trustees Soren Pedersen, Al Pool, David Walker and Chuck Schultz.
2. Opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. to review and hear comments on the township's proposed 2017-2018 fiscal year budget.
3. Closed the public hearing and reopened the regular meeting at 7:25 p.m.
4. Approved the agenda as amended; approved the consent agenda as presented.
5. Received and placed on file Communication #1 as presented.
6. The Board decided to wait until the drain issue is resolved in the Apple Orchard Subdivision before proceeding further with the subdivision's request for a road improvement special assessment.
7. Adopted the 2017-2018 fiscal year budget by departments as presented.
8. Approved the Public Education Grant (PEG) requests from the Fenton, Lake Fenton, Linden, and Hartland Schools in the amount of \$40,347.00.
9. Adopted the 2017-2018 township's meeting dates as presented.
10. Approved Hartland Senior Center's request for support funds in the amount of \$4,300.00.
11. Adopted the proposed Emergency Support Plan as presented.
12. Approved the renewal of the township's employee health insurance policy.
13. Authorized the write off of uncollectible fire service charges in the amount of \$24,279.00.
14. No motion was made to proceed with the broadband internet service survey.
15. Authorized the Deputy Treasurer to attend the Michigan Municipal Treasurers Assoc. (MMTA) Institute for the cost of 1,010.63.
16. Authorized the Supervisor, Clerk, and Treasurer to hire a temporary audit firm to do accounting work part-time.
17. Adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

The minutes of all regular and special Tyrone Township Board Meetings are on file and may be reviewed at the Tyrone Township Clerk's office, 10408 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and online at www.tyronetownship.us. The next regular meeting of the Tyrone Township Board will be held on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

Marcella Husted, Tyrone Township Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON
BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS
MARCH 6, 2017

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday March 6, 2017 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

1. Trustee Goupil offered the opening prayer.
2. Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
3. Approved the agenda as presented.
4. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of \$585,799.19.
5. Referred back to the Planning Commission for reconsideration a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to rezone parcel 06-23-530-026 (vacant land on Grove Park Road) from R-3 to AG, with conditions.
6. Adopted Resolution No. 2017-05, supporting the request from the Carman Cougar Charities Corporation that they be recognized as a nonprofit organization for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license from the State of Michigan.
7. Adopted a proclamation designating May 1, 2017 as Law Day.
8. Adopted Resolution No. 2017-06, authorizing the Township Supervisor and Clerk to approve changes to the Township's street lighting contract with Consumers Energy for 2017.
9. Approved a Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement for Charter Communications.
10. Approved a Genesee County Road Commission proposal for gravel resurfacing of Hogan Road from Lahring Road to Smith Road.
11. Adopted a 2017-2019 update for the Fenton Township Road Improvement Plan.
12. Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

Obituaries

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Sharon Kingsland

Sharon Kingsland - age 71, died March 9, 2017. www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



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Judy Dover - age 65, died March 8, 2017. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Ranae Haneline

Ranae Haneline - age 73, died March 5, 2017. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Myrtle Bertha Janes Jennings Garrison Demand

1913-2017
Myrtle Bertha Janes Jennings Garrison Demand - age 103, died March 4, 2017. Born an orphan in Detroit and widowed three times, she married Howard Morris Jennings of Madison Heights with whom she had two sons, Dennis Howard and William B. Jennings. Widowed with two adult sons she remarried Frank Garrison (deceased). She married a third time at age 76 to Lloyd Demand and was widowed four years later. She lived the remainder of her life in Argentine Township in the home on Lobdell Lake which she had bought with husband Howard in the 1930's. The last 30 years of her life she spent with her son, William and wife Sheryl, two granddaughters, Angela Jamil and Jamie Jane in that home on Lobdell Lake. Her son Dennis and wife Pinkie had grandson Mark (deceased) with their great-granddaughter Star, and two other grandchildren, Montie and Blake all from Troy, MI. Myrtle had 34 grandchildren. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



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William Veselsky

William Veselsky - age 66, died March 8, 2017. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Darlene McCaslin

Darlene McCaslin - age 77, died March 10, 2017. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Emma Drew "Hannah" Gramer

1924-2017
Emma Drew "Hannah" Gramer - age 92, of Linden, died Monday, March 6, 2017. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 12 PM Monday, March 13, 2017 at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 6481 Faussett Rd., Howell. Fr. Gregg Pleiness celebrant. Burial will follow in St. Augustine Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be held 5-8 PM Saturday, March 11, 2017 and 1-8 PM Sunday, March 12, 2017 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 East Broad Street, Linden. Those desiring may make contributions to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Emma was born March 25, 1924 in Beattyville, Kentucky, the daughter of Robert and Grace (Dennis) Amburgey. She married Roy Thomas Gramer Sr. in Berkley on November 15, 1941 and he preceded her in death on July 7, 2010. She was a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church and the oldest parishioner there. Emma with her husband, Roy, owned and operated Gramer's Farm. She was a great mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Emma is survived by her children, Shirley (Carl) Wright, Tom (Grace) Gramer, Judy (Bud) Coad, May (Duane) Bartlett, Mary Jo (John) Ciesielski and Albert (Tammy) Gramer all of Linden; 22 grandchildren and 49 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Alma Scheidler and Nellie Holowitz; brother, James Amburgey. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Donald Gartland

Donald Gartland - age 70, died March 5, 2017. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



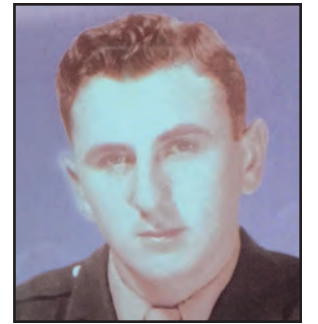
Cynthia Ruth "Cindy" Ambrose

1957-2017
Cynthia Ruth "Cindy" Ambrose - age 59, of Fenton, went home to be with the Lord with her family by her side, Wednesday, March 8, 2017. Funeral services will be 11 AM Monday, March 13, 2017 at The Rock Church, 11400 S. Linden Rd., Fenton. Pastor Jim Combs officiating. Visitation will be 1-8 PM Saturday, March 11, 2017 and Sunday, March 12, 2017 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton; and 10-11 AM Monday at the church. Those desiring may make contributions to Alzheimer's Association. Cindy was born April 4, 1957 in Highland Park, the daughter of Harry Richard and Clara Jean (Wheeler) Lentz. She married Anthony "Tony" Ambrose May 1, 1976. Cindy was a Trustee for Deerfield Township; and also served on their Parks and Recreation Board. Cindy was a member of The Rock Church where she volunteered in many areas. She was also a Girl Scout leader and a volunteer at Hartland Schools when her children were growing up. Cindy was an outdoor enthusiast. She loved her dog Heidi. Surviving are: her beloved husband of 40 years, Tony; three children, Jeff (Diane), Kristine (Ben) Martyn, and Lisa (Justin) Eimers; four grandchildren, Elias, Jasmine, Clara, and Dani; mother, Clara Lentz; four siblings, Al Lentz, Gary Lentz, Sandy Lentz, and Linda (Gene) Mortensen; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by: her father and nephew, Richard Lentz. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Douglas Jones

Douglas Jones - age 89, died March 10, 2017. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Rex L. Field

1922-2017
Rex L. Field - age 94, of Holly, left this world on February 24, 2017. Beloved husband of Dorothy (nee: Sheldon) for over 71 years. Dear father of Bruce, Cathy and the late Steven. Loving grandpa of Justin, Joseph (Heather), Brandon, Kaylan and the late Adam. Great-grandpa of Aurora. Rex was born on Christmas Day, 1922 to farmers, Marshall and Anna (nee: Swayzee) Field. And a farmer he was; eventually growing up orphaned by the young age of 12. Rex and his brother David worked hard to maintain the family farm until they both felt it was their right and duty to protect our country, and they willingly enlisted in the United States Army. Joining at a time when Pearl Harbor had just been hit, Rex entered South France, where he and his fellow combat soldiers became Prisoners of War. Again, narrowly escaping death, he was liberated by the Russian troops advancing on to Berlin. Safely returning back to the United States, Rex went on to learn the trade of masonry, in which he worked his entire life, owning his own business and building many homes and buildings. He also had a knack for investing and had a lot of fun with different stocks, never giving up along the way. At age 50 he obtained his pilot's license and flew for over 20 years, even owning his own plane. Rex was always a hunter and trapper, taking hundreds of hunting trips all over the United States and Canada. He especially enjoyed his home on Beaver Creek in Montana. He loved to take friends and family there for the true hunting and fishing experience. He also taught his sons, grandsons and friends how to hunt, trap and fish, many times, on his own property overlooking Fish Lake. In fact Rex's last thoughts were of Fish Lake and the peaceful vision of frogs, turtles and many, many ducks. His last words were "there's always ducks." Rex was so grateful to his many dear friends who have been so supportive. Rex had a wonderful, fulfilling life and we will celebrate that on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 3 PM at Temrowski Family Funeral Home, 500 Main St., Fenton. Friends may visit beginning at 1 PM. Contributions may be made in Rex's name to Habitat for Humanity. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



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Back surgery comes with no guarantees

DEAR DR. ROACH:
An MRI showed that I have severe stenosis of my C6 vertebrae. I have pins-and-needles sensations that often go down my right arm and in the neck area of my left shoulder. I saw an orthopedic surgeon, who stated that he could “cure” my stenosis with a laminectomy surgery. Based on his recommendation, I have completed a six-day pack of prednisone and four weeks of physical therapy, with little diminishment of my symptoms. I am now taking Celebrex daily. I have spent hours going through the various medical journals online, but could not locate any journal article that summarizes the prognosis of this surgery. Do you know of any research that discusses the post-surgery results, including the degree to which symptoms are reduced and what percent of patients require further surgical interventions? It would be informative to know if there are any other options if PT has provided little benefit.
— J.N.U.

ANSWER:
As physicians, we like to practice evidence-based medicine, but the sad fact is that evidence to help guide us often is lacking, so we are left with our own education, training and clinical experience to make those decisions. In this situation, we have a few studies to help us. The most-cited one, an analysis of two randomized, controlled trials, showed a faster improvement from surgery, but no difference in symptoms one or three years after surgery in the operation group, compared with the medication and physical therapy group. Several more-recent observational trials have shown significant improvement in

pain and movement after surgery. The real problem is that a population doesn’t go to see a doctor about neck pain — an individual does, and studies that examine population outcomes can’t give precise information about outcomes. Further, these studies don’t even apply to some people. For example, progressive weakness is a clear indication for surgery, and people with that complaint wouldn’t be considered for the trials. You still require an experienced surgeon to give you the best information he or she can about your condition. It stands to reason that the more severe the pain and restrictions on activity, the more likely surgery is to help. Back surgery really should be contemplated only by people with moderate to severe symptoms, and those who recognize that, despite the best care, sometimes surgery does not help and, rarely, can make things worse.

DEAR DR. ROACH:
I have heard of a number of different things to help acid reflux. Does raising the head of your bed fit into that category, and if so, by how much? — T.E.D.

ANSWER:
Yes, raising the head of the bed can reduce symptoms of acid reflux. The traditional method is a brick or two under the head of the bed, but a wedge-shaped pillow works too. Using lots of regular pillows usually does not. When we sleep, any acid that gets passed backward (refluxed) from the stomach into the esophagus stays there for a long time, since neither gravity nor the swallow reflex helps it down. With the head elevated, there is some gravity acting against reflux and getting it back into the stomach.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu. To view and order health pamphlets, visit www.rbmamall.com, or write to Good Health, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. (c) 2017 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved

How to bathe a cat in 6 fun-filled steps

DEAR PAW’S CORNER:
My 3-year-old cat “Zuzu” loves to go outside and roll around in everything. She comes back in covered with burrs, or mud, or whatever funk she happens upon. I’m not sure why she does this — isn’t that something dogs are known for? Thankfully, she rarely has fleas, since I give her a monthly flea treatment. But she hates baths. How can I keep Zuzu clean?
— Wit’s End in St. Paul, Minnesota

DEAR WIT’S END:
Before we get into the science of cat bathing, I have to ask: Has Zuzu been spayed? If not, that could be playing a role in her, um, adventurousness. Otherwise, try to limit her exploration to the yard if possible. Now, to the dreaded cat bath. This is rarely fun for cats or owners. Fortunately, most cats rarely need a bath; too-frequent baths can

dry their skin, which can lead to bigger problems. Here’s how:

- 1) Use a sink or a large container, rather than a bathtub. Fill it with just a couple of inches of luke-warm to cool water.
- 2) Place a harness and leash on the cat if controlling her will be a problem. Then carry the cat to the sink, giving it lots of praise.
- 3) Carefully wet the cat up to its neck and add a small amount of perfume-free pet shampoo. Use a damp cloth to wipe its head and neck.
- 4) Dry the cat with a clean towel, give it a treat, and remove the leash and harness.
- 5) Let the cat be mad at you for a while.
- 6) Clean and bandage the scratches on your hands and arms.

Send your questions, comments or tips to ask@pawscorner.com.
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MOANA
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MAN DOWN
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SHAMROCK Cutout Pound Cake

- INGREDIENTS**
- 2 packages (16 ounces each) pound cake mix
 - 10 drops green food coloring
 - 1/2 teaspoon peppermint extract
- GLAZE:**
- 1 cup confectioners’ sugar
 - 1/8 teaspoon peppermint extract
 - 3 to 5 teaspoons 2% milk



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- DIRECTIONS**
1. Preheat oven according to package directions. Grease a 9x5-in. loaf pan. Prepare one package cake mix according to package directions, adding food coloring and extract before mixing batter. Transfer to prepared pan. Bake and cool as package directs.
 2. Cut cooled cake into 1-in.-thick slices. Cut slices with a 2-1/2-in. shamrock-shaped cookie cutter (save remaining cake for another use). Stand shamrock slices at an angle in a greased 9x5-in. loaf pan.
 3. Prepare remaining cake mix according to package directions. Pour batter around and over shamrock slices. Bake and cool as package directs.
 4. For glaze, in a small bowl, mix confectioners’ sugar, extract and enough milk to reach desired consistency. Pour glaze over cake, allowing some to flow over sides. Yield: 1 loaf (16 slices).

TOTAL TIME: Prep: 1 hour Bake: 50 min. + cooling **YIELD:** 16 servings

NUTRITIONAL FACTS: 1 slice: 462 calories, 23g fat (8g saturated fat), 91mg cholesterol, 339mg sodium, 60g carbohydrate (42g sugars, 0 fiber), 6g protein.

NOTE: Remaining pound cake may be cubed and served in dessert dishes, layered with warm fudge sauce. Top with chopped mint Andes candies.

SUNDAY SCRAMBLER

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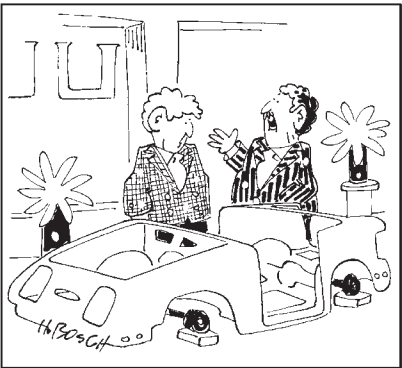
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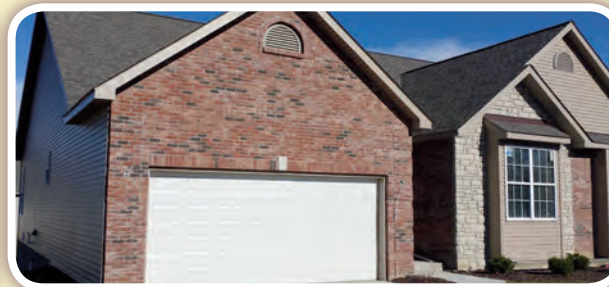
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