LaJoice pleads 'no contest' in Oakland County

Circuit court decision could mirror federal 11-year sentence

By Hannah Ball

hball@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 **Pontiac** — Michael La-Joice, 38, formerly of Tyrone Township, pleaded no contest in Oakland County Circuit Court Monday, March 27 on 14

counts of embezzlement.

LaJoice faces 13 counts of embezzling \$100,000 or more, and one count of embezzling from a financial institution in circuit court after embezzling approximately \$18.6 million from the Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union, which is now insolvent.

The total amount embezzled involved in circuit court charges is \$1,620,601.41, according to of theft in this Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Robert Novy.

Judge Cheryl Matthews said the maximum sentence is 20 years. LaJoice's defense attorney Michael Manley, requested a seven-year prison sentence.

Novy said, "A seven-year minimum is substantially higher than what the guidelines call for, but because of the amount

case, I think it's appropriate."

By accepting the plea deal, LaJoice gave up his right to a jury trial. Manley requested that the



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO Michael LaJoice is placed under oath for his plea hearing on Monday in Oakland County.

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sentences in circuit and

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2016 NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR

Chamber of Commerce annual 'Eggciting Easter Event' for area kids



More than 300 kids enjoyed the Eggciting Easter Event on Saturday, March 25, at Hyatt Elementary School in Linden. Here, children aged 5 to 8 bunny-hop down the hallway. Due to the rainy weather, the bunny hop and Easter egg hunt were held indoors. It was hosted by the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce. The event raises funds for the chamber and its future events. See the video and more photos at tctimes.com.



According to a proposed ordinance that could be adopted by Argentine Township, a judge would have the say on whether or not a dog is vicious.



Vicious dog ordinance moves forward in Argentine

Could be guarantined, euthanized under proposed ordinance

By Hannah Ball

hball@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 Argentine Twp. — The Argentine Board

of Trustees discussed a possible vicious dog ordinance during its meeting on Monday, two months after a resident came to the See DOG on 13



to spend \$50 million on building

the Mexican border wall. It's guaranteed to keep

out all illegal immigrants unless they can get their hands on a ladder or a shovel.'



Young people, stop buying things you don't need and just want. And stop being self-indulgent crybabies."

House fire exposes suspected meth lab in Fenton Township

■Three suspects arrested following March 20 blaze

By Sharon Stone

sstone@tctimes.com; 810-433-6786 Three Fenton area people are facing felonies following a house fire in Fenton Township on March 20.

Genesee County Sheriff Robert Pickell said Tuesday that based on the investigation, they believe it was arson, and that the fire was intentionally set to hide evidence of a methamphetamine lab.

Matthew Scott Dues, 36, Jennifer Lynn Young, 34 and Joshua Paul Forsythe, 35, were arraigned See METH LAB on 9



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Fenton approves destruction of mute swan eggs

Michigan now has the highest population in North America

By Vera Hogan

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Mute swans are bound to be doomed in the tri-county area.

On Monday, the Fenton City Council See SWAN EGGS on 15



LThis is America, stop acting like a Democrat, a Republican or a Progressive and start acting like an American. Our forefathers gave their lives for our freedom and we can't even elect a president without crybabies weeping on TV. Grow up.





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Is the CIA spying on us through our TVs?

Recent WikiLeaks publication shows CIA hacking techniques for phones, TVs, computers

By Hannah Ball

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Earlier this month, WikiLeaks and the CIA made national headlines, and caused some panic, after the information dumping site published files about the CIA's hacking methods.

The dump, which WikiLeaks called Vault7, revealed that the CIA could spy on people using their electronics, like phones, certain TVs and tablets using malware.

One malware program, called Weeping Angel, can spy on TVs and has people asking the question:

is the CIA spying on me using my TV? The answer is not likely.

According to Forbes, Weeping Angel runs like a normal TV app on a Samsung smart TV. It only captures audio, not video, and can use the Wi-Fi to access any usernames and passwords stored on the TV browser. The program can continue even when the TV appears to be off.

The reason why it's unlikely the CIA is spying on everyday people is because the malware is installed using a USB. If no one has snuck into your house at night and inserted a USB into your TV, or your TV doesn't even have a USB connection, the CIA is not using your TV to spy on you. See CIA on 13



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WikiLeaks caused some panic about the possibility of the CIA using televisions to spy on people. The site released information on spying methods used by the CIA for televisions, phones, and tablets.

Linden **`MADNESS'**

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO Linden — Once a year, staff and students square

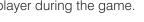
off for a fun, lively game of basketball, normally after the boy's basketball season ends. The staff won with a score of 37-34 at the Friday, March 24 game. (Upper right) Jesse Bitner, center, was coach for the student

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player during the game.

team. (Lower left) Student Michael Cemazar attempts to dribble past Brent Rogers and Ted Allessie, right. (Bottom center) students cheer from the sixth- and seventh-grade cheering section. (Bottom right) Char Nester attempts to block a student













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HOUSE REPUBLICANS VOTED

to repeal Obamacare more than 60 times while President Obama was in office knowing those protest votes

didn't matter. Trump wins the election, suddenly House Republican votes do matter and they respond by pulling

their own pants down proving there

to begin with.

Guatemalans.

— Publilius Syrus

journalists.

results of that.

was never a viable replacement plan

EVERYONE I SPEAK with hates the

new bike lane in Holly. It's miserable

to drive during certain hours of the

AS THE CASE in Maryland clearly

proves, Trump was wrong to declare

that Mexicans are rapists. He should

'METUS IMPROBOS COMPESCIT, non clementia.' It is 'fear, not

kindness, that restrains the wicked.'

ONCE AGAIN, CHECK your source. The poll of Best Presidents that

you cite does not reflect the opinion

100 left-wing academics and liberal

of historians. The poll is limited to

ANYONE IN THIS country should

to push this country into ruin. All

measures point to Obamacare crashing and burning, but Democrat

see that Democrat liberals continue

liberals continue to support it. They

continue to push illegals in front of

American-born citizens and we're

committing acts of terrorism across Europe, many Americans want a ban

on Muslim immigrants. During the

last 100 years, the Mafia has been controlled by Italians yet no call for a

ban on Italian immigration. Both are from predominantly Christian nations.

DEVELOPMENT HAS TURNED

Perhaps we should ban all Christians.

seeing the economic and violent

MUSLIM EXTREMISTS ARE

have included El Salvadorans and

day due to traffic congestion.

If I Were King...

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You may be perfectly normal if you ...

• Are on a long road trip, start to think of the occupants of other vehicles • Wipe the steam from the mirror after as your travel companions, and thus feel a shower feeling it wouldn't surprise a tinge of sadness when they, or you, exit the highway.

• Cup your hands against your torso in the shower, let them fill with as much water as possible, then let that it splash on the shower floor.

• Immediately go back and read an

email right after hitting send and wish you could change it. • Have casual

one-on-one con-

versations with

yourself.

• Spell out Wednesday like Wed-nes-day in your head when

you're writing or typing it. Also Febru-ary.

• Get lost in thought while reading, but don't notice until you're a couple pages past where you stopped paying attention and can't recall any of it.

• Wonder why there are no jokes about fathers-in-law?

• When you're in a store where you're not planning on buying anything, start to think that security is probably watching you and thinks you're a shoplifter.

• Memorize some obscure trivia, just in case the subject should ever come up.

• Practice saying your own name because you always feel weird saying your own name out loud.

• When you pass someone walking their dog, you smile and make a comment to the dog without acknowledging their owners.

• Every year or so you check to make sure you still can't make objects levitate or move using just the power of your mind.

• Feel phantom phone vibrations in your pocket even when your phone didn't vibrate, or isn't even in your

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter



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pocket. you in the least to see a crazed killer standing behind you.

• Occasionally say the same word over and over again until it doesn't sound like a real word anymore. For instance, pocket, pocket, pocket...

• Feel guilty that you should be helping the hired repairman at your home.

• Don't hear the name of the person you were just introduced to because you were focused on saying your own name.

• Have ever fake washed your hands in a restroom just so people could hear the faucet running.

• Feel sorry for a perfectly good chair, table or TV set out at the curb to be picked up by the garbage truck because their 'life' ended prematurely.

• Skirted sideways through a door that is closing without touching the door or the frame, in order to feel like a cat burglar or, better yet, a secret agent.

Congratulations — you are perfectly normal.

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ons, if approved for publication, must be 50 words to not necessarily reflect the views of the Tri-County serve the right to edit for clarity, length and liability.

HOW COME THE folks who believe Trump should mandate that members of congress have to take the new healthcare plan for themselves, yet they didn't think this way with Obamacare?

I HAVE LIVED in Fenton for 40 years and I never thought I would see the day when our town would look like a little Flint with so many closed and abandoned buildings. Sad.

THE TERM 'REPEAL and replace' is such a worn out Republican battle cry. It only reflects anger and vindictiveness toward the Democrats. Our legislative process says that if a law that needs to be changed or updated, you write an amendment and fix it.

THERE'S A CLEAR difference between a baby and a microscopic fertilized egg. If you believe in abortion on demand or a ban on abortion regardless of the circumstances then you're an uneducated demagogue who is incapable of engaging in the kind of nuanced debate required to sustain a successful democracy.

TO THE HOT-LINER citing the Cuban Missile Crisis as an example of why we need more diplomacy and less military, please enlighten me. Which diplomats manned the blockade around Cuba and forced Khrushchev to back down?





"Truck parts. Just whatever I feel like I want to buy. I have an '01 S10 Blazer."



Jack Babbitt

Senior

"Probably buy some golf balls and then just save the rest. Some Callaways."



If you were given \$100, how would you spend it?

"I'd buy clothes. If I had to pick a mall, it'd be Somerset."

Emma Rhodes

Senior



"I'd take my girlfriend out to a nice dinner at Black Rock. The rest would go to FroYo."



This question was asked at Lake Fenton High School

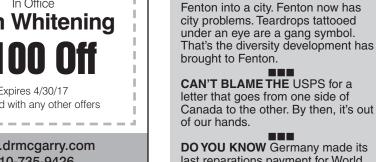
"Probably Starbucks, clothes and makeup."

Liam King Senior **Destiny Williams** Senior **Tylor Wallace** Senior

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

last reparations payment for World War II on Oct. 3, 2010?

street talk



Former village manager could become new DDA director

After the

candidates were

ranked, the candidate

ranked first was

presented to the

DDA Board as the

public body so they

could vote to accept

or not the panel's

recommendation. 77

Jerry Walker

Holly Village manager

■Holly DDA will vote April 10 on recommendation to hire Ryan Bladzik for the job

By Vera Hogan

vhogan@tctimes.com; 810-433-6823 It looks like the village of Holly may soon have a new DDA director, a position that has been vacant since Andy Potter left in late October 2016 to become the city manager for Lathrup Village.

The leading contender for that position is Ryan Bladzik, who served as the Holly Village manager until 2016, when he ran for state representative for the 51st district and lost to incumbent Joe Graves.

Bladzik, 39, is a selfemployed consultant with a wife and three children. He has bachelor degrees in political science and international studies from Michigan State University, and a master's degree in communications, also from

MSU. His wife, Amanda, currently serves on the Holly Board of Education.

Potter, 52, held the position in Holly since 2012. He was a well-known fixture on the streets of downtown Holly. When Potter was hired, Holly's downtown vacancy rate was about 50 percent, coming out of Michigan's recession and Holly's changing identity.

At the time of his departure on Oct. 28, 2016, downtown Holly was 100 percent full

and thriving. He was promoted to assistant village manager/community development director on Aug. 10, 2016.

Many people gave much of the credit to Potter for Holly's economic success.

According to Village Manager Jerry Walker, the position was advertised in the Michigan Municipal League classifieds, with the Michigan Downtown Association, the Tri-County Times and the village website.

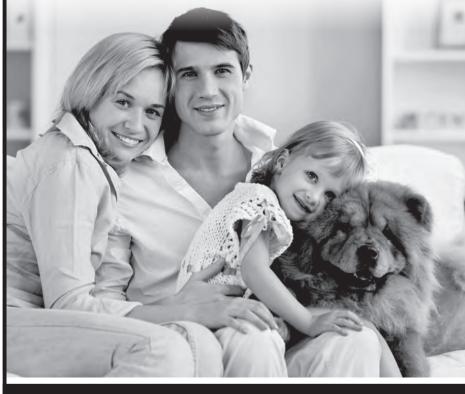
Twenty seven resumes were received for the position," Walker said. "Six were selected for interviews by the screening panel, which consisted of two DDA board members (Dick Rossell and Lisa Clark), an administrative person (the fire chief in this case) and the former Oakland County Main Street director, and me (Walker) as the tie breaker, if needed."

Because the interviews were not conducted by a public body, they were not subject to the Open Meetings Act

and did not have to take place in public. Bladzik was the panel's recommendation and presented to the DDA for a vote at a special meeting on Monday, March 20. Approximately 28 residents were in attendance, some of whom spoke negatively about their past encounters with Bladzik.

The issue was tabled to the April 10 meeting as none of the board members, See DDA on 12

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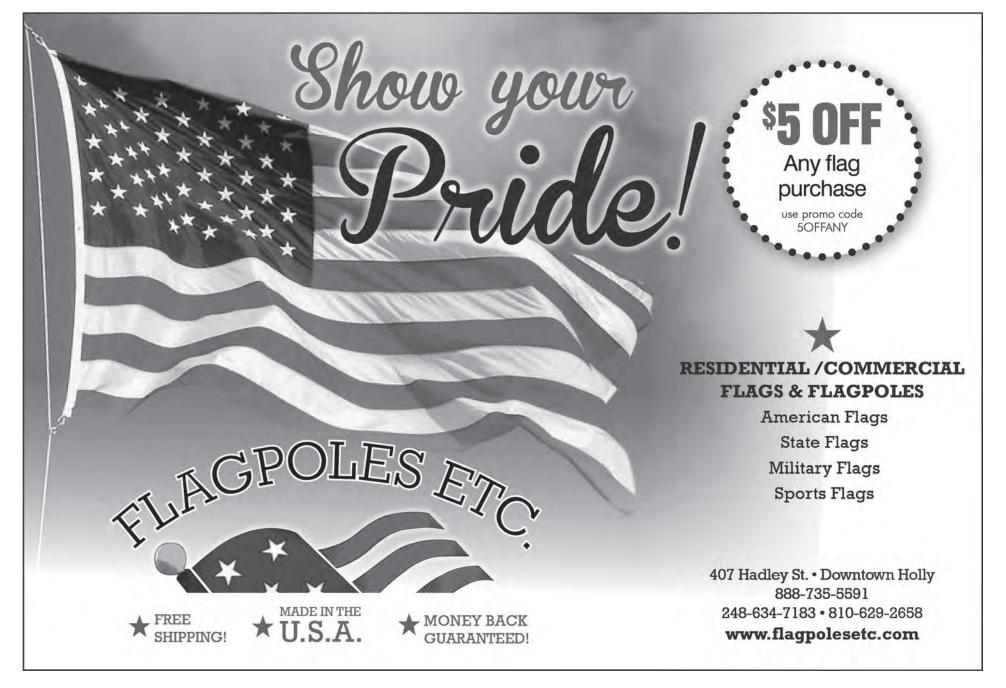
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Five ways America is unique

Drinking age is higher, other countries are more comfortable with nudity

By Hannah Ball

hball@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 America is unique in many ways from the way we measure distance and temperature, to how we treat servers at restaurants.

Here are five ways America is different from most other countries.

Metric system

The U.S. is the only industrialized nation that hasn't converted to the metric system. Americans measure temperature using Fahrenheit instead of Celsius, and use miles instead of kilometers.

The debate over the metric system goes back to the Founding Fathers, according to cnbc.com, when tweaks were added to the Constitution's Article I, section 8 that states Congress has the power to "fix the Standard of Weights and Measures."

The idea of converting has caused outcries every time. Thomas Jefferson tried to convert toward the decimal-based system in 1789, but it flopped. In 1866, President Andrew Johnson signed a law that made it lawful to use metric system in all contracts, dealings, and court proceedings.

However, the metric system has already found its way into American culture. Races are measured in kilometers, like a 5K, which is 3.1 miles. Olympic swimmers race in events measured in meters, medicines are measured in milligrams, and many other factors of American culture use the metric system.

Tipping

In America, many professions receive tips, such as cashiers, hairdressers. valets, taxi drivers, rest room attendants, restaurant servers, bartenders, and many other jobs. This is not customary in every part of the world. In countries such as Australia, Belgium, China, France, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea and Switzerland it is not customary to tip restaurant servers.

In the United Kingdom, people do tip their restaurant servers about 10 percent compared to America's 15-20 percent, as well as taxi drivers, hotel staff and hairdressers. They do not tip bar staff, baristas, or rest room attendants.



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Grammar

In French and many other languages, the adjective usually comes after the object it's describing, as opposed to English, which places the adjective first. For example, in English it's "I like blue cars." In French, the sentence is "J'aime les voitures bleues," or "I like cars blue." Nudity

Europe is a lot more comfortable with nudity than America. In southern France, it's common to see women bathing topless, or even in their birthday suits on a nude beach. Countries such as Turkey have public baths where nudity is the norm, and most beaches in Croatia have no dress code.

In certain places in Germany, it's legal to sunbathe naked in public. In Norway, where nudity is widely accepted, children will play in water fountains naked, and people frequent the dozens of nude beaches.

Drinking age

In America, the drinking age is 21. This is high compared to most other countries. In 115 countries, or 61 percent of the world, the drinking age is 18-19. In 21 countries, or 11 percent of countries, it's 16-17. America is one of 12, or 6 percent, where the drinking age is 21.

It's illegal to drink at any age in 16 countries.

Source: drinkingage.procon.org, nbcnews.com, nist.gov, popsci.com



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EVERY 98 SECONDS an American is sexually assaulted. Now those who claim news outlets are not covering the one as much as another news outlet please think a bit on why their propaganda is so settled on this

one story and not the other 321,499

cases?

LIBERAL LOGIC: THERE are 100 people in a room and one is an illegal alien. They will fight tooth and nail for the rights of that illegal, a non-citizen, before the rights of the other 99 Americans. They'll never question the motives of illegals, but always question the motives of those who question their motives.

WHY IS IT so hard for people to follow rules? The airline has a dress code for employees and their guests when they ride for free. I say if you are that set on wearing leggings pay

your own way.

MAINSTREAM MEDIA HAS been slanted and biased long before this last election. People intelligent enough to know that appreciated the courage that was taken in pointing that out in front of the cameras.

NO MORE STRIP malls until sewers and roads are taken care of.

THANK YOU TO the local businesses that so graciously donated to the Helping Hands cancer fundraiser/ euchre tournament. We never could have raised what we did without you. Thank you so much.

Supreme Court, I feel sick watching senile senators read prepared questions trying to trip up an intelligent man. No wonder people are getting tired of the swamp also known as Washington politics.

I HAVE MEDICARE, with \$147 a year premium, low co-pays. I never have any problem finding good doctors or surgeons. Government takes \$109 out of my monthly check that all seniors have to pay into. Universal/single payer should be health insurance of America.

WHERE IS THE outrage about

the cost of the Secret Service for Trump? With his weekly golf outings, extravagant extended family getaways, securing Trump Towers and his sons' business overseas, the Secret Service just asked for an extra \$60,000,000 million for the 2018 budget to cover all of the extra expenses.

TYPICAL NAME-CALLING

Democratic response to Fox News. If you don't like it, don't watch it. You can spend your time listening to Trump bashing on the liberal left propaganda filled news on all other stations.

MY FAMILY LOVES the new bike

lanes in Holly. Please slow down as the children start playing outside and share the road.

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AFTER WATCHING A few days of confirmation hearings for the

METH LAB

Continued from Front Page on March 26 in Genesee County District Court.

The two men and one woman are suspected of operating a meth lab from a home at 2336 Belle Glade Ct. in Fenton Township. Dues and Young live at the house and Forsythe is a Fenton City resident, according to court records.

The house on Belle Glade Ct. caught fire at 3:45 p.m. on Monday, March 20. The fire was mostly

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Matthew Scott Dues

contained to the living room area, according to Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz. The fire

> was deemed suspicious and the Michigan State Police Arson Investigation Unit assisted with the investigation. Dues and Young

were transported to Hurley Medical Center in Flint for treatment of smoke

inhalation and minor burns. A family dog was unharmed.

Young was arraigned on one count of operating a meth lab, one count of operating a meth lab near

specified spaces, one count of operating a lab with hazardous waste and one count of second-degree arson. A cash surety bond of \$200,000 was ordered on the four counts.

Dues was arraigned on one count

of operating a meth lab, one count of operating a meth lab near specified spaces

and one count of operating a lab with hazardous waste. A cash surety bond of \$150,000 was ordered on the

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three counts.

Forsythe was arraigned on one count of operating a meth lab, one count of operating a meth lab near specified spaces and one count of operating a lab with hazardous waste. A cash surety bond of \$150,000 was ordered on the three counts.

The trio will be back in district court on April 6 for their probable cause conferences.

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Fenton track star Hall heading to Oakland University in fall

By David Troppens

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Maddie Hall has had a dream for as long as she can remember.

And now, she's realizing that dream.

Hall, a senior at Fenton High School, will continue her athletic career beyond the prep level next season as a Division 1 athlete at Oakland University.

It's easy to understand why Hall has had this

David's **Dabblings**

Some thoughts about sports and others not dealing with sports at all



WHAT'S UP WITH **THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS?**

The last time I checked, it's late March.

The Tigers are nearing the end of spring training and the NHL and NBA playoffs are right around the corner.

Yet, every night when I drive back home from sporting events, from a store or from work, I notice something a couple of times each drive. For some odd reason there are still a lot of people with their Christmas lights on as though it is December 25.

Don't get me wrong. I love Christmas lights. Quite frequently during the holiday season, I drive Anna a little bit batty by taking out-ofour-way home routes so I can check out more people's Christmas lights. My Dad used to drive us around neighborhoods when we were kids to look at the lights, and I still enjoy doing it.

But, even I have my limits. It's time to turn them off until next holiday season. At the very least, change the lights up with the different holidays. Some people do that. I can understand that. But if you have your Christmas lights still on at night, it may be time to finally give it up - at least until you can put them back up in early November.

dream. The all-state long jumper comes by it honestly - both of her parents were standout track and field competitors at Saginaw Valley State University. "This means a lot to me," Hall said. "I've always

dreamt of doing this. I've always wanted to follow in my parents' footsteps and compete at the collegiate level, so it means a lot to me."

It's easy to see why Oakland University wanted Hall. She's an outstanding athlete and the long jump is Maddie's top event. She proved that when she was 14 prior to even being a member of the Fenton varsity girls track and field squad. She competed at the 2013 AAU National Track and Field Championship and posted a first-place jump of 17-feet-7 ³/₄-inches. Her best leap also came during middle school when she had See HALL on 11

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TIMES

Maddie Hall

Fenton's Idoni leads our 2017 tri-county girls hoops team

By David Troppens

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 When Chloe Idoni plays basketball,

she's the center of attention. Opponents double- and triple-team her. They try to devise defenses to keep

Now, halfway through her Fenton varpowerful sophomore center. Whatever they are trying doesn't seem to be

Mention All-State status from the Associated Press twice, and has led the Tigers to consecutive Class A district titles and regional championship trips. She was a unanimous first-team All-Metro selection this year as well. She can also put another honor on her credential list. Idoni is our 2017 Tri-County Girls Basketball Player of the Year.

"She's a great kid and well deserving of the award," Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Becki Moore said. "Chloe is a competitor. She has a good heart, cares for her teammates and would sacrifice personal accomplishments if it meant the team could succeed. She is the ultimate team player."

Idoni has led the Tigers to two of their two best tournament runs in girls basketball Class A history, and is already nearing 1,000 points for her career. Her 328 points this winter gives her 728 for her career. Her point production actually went down this winter, but mainly due to opponents paying more attention to her

ALL TRI-COUNTY GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

Player of the Year Chloe Idoni

CHLOE IDONI

Idoni led the Fenton

Tigers to a Class A dis-

trict title for the second

straight season. She

was an Honorable Men-

tion All-State selection.

Class Soph - Team Fenton

Comment:

Idoni repeated her Honorable Mention All-State status scoring 328 points, grabbing 208 rebounds, dishing off 41 assists, collecting 34 steals and blocking 29 shots. She was double- and triple-teamed.

Note:

The players on the team and the Player of the Year were selected by the sports staff.

Rest of first team	Grade School
Rebecca Fugate	Soph Holly
Sterling DeGayner	Senior Linden
Hannah Garty	Junior Lk. Fenton
Emma Evo	Senior Fenton
Paige Reid	Senior Holly
Aly Lenz	Junior Fenton
Taylor Mowery	Senior Fenton

than ever before. Instead of remaining frustrated, Idoni found ways to still help the team, and the attention she received enabled other players to play better.

"More teams knew who I was and how I played than last year," Idoni said. "They defensively made it a lot more difficult, so I had to be more strategic with what I did, and do the unexpected to score."

"Chloe drew a lot See IDONI on 11



working.

the ball out of her hands and to frustrate her. They try just about anything they can. sity girls basketball career, it looks like maybe people should just give up trying to figure out how to stop Fenton's

Just halfway through her career, Idoni has already earned Honorable

IDONI

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more attention early on because people knew of her. There were no surprises when she stepped on the court," Moore said. "Her passing game and communication have improved. It wasn't that she couldn't pass last year, but this year people swarmed her immediately and she had to find people quickly."

While drawing everyone's attention on a daily basis, Idoni's stats were downright impressive. Not only did she average 13.7 points a game, but she averaged a team-high 8.7 rebounds a contest as well. She averaged 1.7 assists, 1.4 steals and 1.2 blocks a contest. If she ever gets frustrated it's impossible to tell. Maybe playing on older AAU travel teams helped her as well. Idoni is used to being the youngest player on teams.

"I don't let it get inside my head," Idoni said. "I don't stress out about it and just focus on my game and what I can do. I know what I am supposed to do and try not to over think it.

"I'm pretty emotionless when it comes to basketball. I don't let things get to me and I don't react to bad calls or bad sportsmanship from the other team. I try to be calm and collected."

Of course, sometimes her presence works the other way. While teams may use multiple players to stop her, sometimes she stops other teams from even trying to attack the paint just by her defensive presence in the lane.

A great sophomore season

Idoni has made her presence felt on two teams this school year. She was a starting member of Fenton's varsity volleyball team which not only won a Metro League championship, but also advanced to the Class A state semifinals for the first time in school history. When she made the move from middle hitter to outside hitter, the Tigers became a different team with Idoni becoming one of the two potent attackers on the team. Her impact on the team could've very well earned her our volleyball player honors during the fall, but teammate Jess Warford edged her for the honor. Suddenly the athlete who has been playing basketball since the fourth grade, and was best known as a basketball player, is becoming as well known for her volleyball ability.

"Last year I was seen more of a basketball player but now people are seeing me as a volleyball player because of our success in volleyball," Idoni admitted. "This year I improved so much, that I felt more like a volleyball player. But I think I still consider myself a basketball player because I spend so much more time playing basketball over the summer and through the years."

Two more years left

It's hard to remember Idoni just finished her sophomore season, meaning she still has half of her career left. Moore says Idoni already is a leader much like a senior.

"Chloe already has a lot of responsibility," Moore said. "We have asked her to do a lot as a freshman and a sophomore and she has always answered the call. Chloe is capable of whatever she sets her mind to. She has an outside game that no one had really seen, can handle the ball well and has the ability to make everyone around her better. When she steps up, so do other people."

Idoni is excited about her and the program's future.

"Honestly, I just want to get better and learn to be a better leader," Idoni said. "Next year is my junior year so I want to help mentor and lead the incoming players entering the varsity team, and some of the younger players, too."

Fenton track program starts season with strong finish at SVSU

By David Troppens dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789

It was a good day for the defending Metro League girls track champions in the first meet of the season.

The Fenton Tigers left the Saginaw Valley State University Division 1 Indoor Invitational by winning the 28-team invitational. The Fenton boys also had a strong showing, taking third in the event.

'We had some PRs from the girls overall," first-year head varsity girls track and field coach Melanie Hall said. "We are excited. We have a young team. We have two seniors — Maddie (Hall) and Jenna (Keiser) — and after that we have a lot of talented young kids. We will be good for the next few years."

Alexa Keiser was one of the team's top stars. She won the 3,200 meter run

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the process. Meanwhile, Maddie Hall also earned a first by breaking a meet record in the long jump (17-feet-10). She also tied for third in the 60 dash (7.97).

Several other Lady Tigers medaled. Cambria Tiemann took fifth in the 800 (2:20.48) while Jessica Warford made her high jump debut with the team taking fifth in that event with a leap of 4-10. Hannah Chapin was fifth in the pole vault (9-6) while Jenna Keiser placed seventh in the 800 (2:23).

The Fenton boys had four medalists at the event. John Sage placed the Tigers by taking third in the long jump (20-4) with a personal-best leap. Meanwhile, Zach West was fifth in the 400 (51.26) and Drew Miller was sixth in the high jump (6-0).

"Overall, the boys had a great day, too," Hall said.

(11:12.48) and broke a school record in CONTINUED ONLINE AT > TCTIMES.COM



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO Jenna Keiser placed seventh in the 800-meter run at Saginaw Valley State University.

HALL

Continued from Page 10 a jump of 18-feet-7. That jump already would place Hall second on longest jumps in Oakland University's history indoors or outdoors. But since entering Fenton High School, she's only improved upon her credentials.

She's earned All-State honors her sophomore season by placing sixth at the state meet (16-feet 91/2) and recorded a personalbest leap of 17-feet-10 during that season as well. Last season, Hall posted a leap of 18-feet-0 1/2 at the Metro League meet, and placed ninth at the state meet (17-6).

And while the outdoor season has just started this year, she's already won one statewide title, tying for first at the Michigan Indoor Track Series meet (MITS) by posting a long jump of 18-feet-2.

But Hall isn't just a long jumper. She's a pretty good sprinter as well, helping Fenton's 400-meter relay and 800 relay qualify for the state meet a year ago. She also placed third in the 60-dash at the MITS meet with a time of 7.80 seconds. She holds the school record in the 100 dash (12.34)her junior season and also was a member of the school-record 400 relay team (47.01) her sophomore season.

Ironically it wasn't until recently that Hall said she felt ready for college.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO Maddie Hall is known for her long jumping, but she's also one of Fenton's top sprinters.

"I probably felt ready this year. I wasn't other event she has yet to compete in during ready for college until this year," Hall said. "But now I'm excited to go out and compete with all the top people. I think it will be fun."

Hall also looked at Eastern Michigan University, Grand Valley State University and Central Michigan University.

"(Oakland) gave me a decent scholarship and I just like the area," Hall said. "It's a super nice campus."

She knows she will compete in the long jump and possibly some sprint events at Oakland University. She'll be trying anher entire career as well — the triple jump. Of course, the triple jump isn't a high school event.

"That will be interesting," Hall said. "That will be a challenge."

Of course, Hall still has her entire outdoor track season ahead of her. Her goals remain pretty lofty for this spring.

"I hope to go to states, win it and become a state champion," Hall said. "That would be pretty awesome. I hope (the girls team) wins Metros. That would be pretty cool to do it during my senior year."





MIDWEEK TIMES

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He will be sentenced in Oakland County Circuit Court May 1.

LaJoice was sentenced to 11 years in federal court on bank fraud charges Thursday, March 23.

The federal bank fraud charges involve committing bank fraud from October 2007 to December 2015, and are different from state charges.

Manley said when LaJoice was initially charged, he was charged under a state law violation and the federal courts charged him after. The state charged him with recent crimes compared to federal charges, which covered the entire time LaJoice was embezzling money.

"They are different jurisdictions and that's why there were two separate cases," he said.

Manley said his goal was to get a sentence lesser than the federal sentence, and to get the two sentences to run at the same time.

He said he's happy with the results as could be expected.

Manley explained that the type of sentences are different. In federal court, sentences are determinate, which means that there's no chance of parole. Because LaJoice was sentenced to 11 years, he will serve 11 years with credit for time served.

"You do get good time (in federal court), it's 54 days a year so you do about 85 percent of your sentence and then you're released on supervised release," he said. "In state court, you get an indeterminate sentence meaning you get a minimum and a maximum. The judge sets the minimum, the legislature sets the maximum, and the parole board decides when you get out."

Manley said LaJoice must serve seven years for the state charges.

He said LaJoice's wife, Ashleigh, is "devastated."

"I think that it's good we have resolved the issue and that people can move forward, but this crime affected a lot of people in not a positive way so we tried to do the best we could to get restitution to the victims. Sometimes it's not always about winning a case as much as it is doing the right thing and then the results then speak for themselves," he said.

He said the LaJoices have been able to pay back approximately \$3.5 million to the credit union so far. **Background**

In federal court, LaJoice said he comnitted check fraud by addressing cashier

mitted check fraud by addressing cashier checks out to himself, along with a few other methods.

According to U.S. Attorney Barbara McQuade, to conceal the fraud, LaJoice



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELO Ashleigh LaJoice, spouse of Michael LaJoice, waits in the courtroom on Tuesday afternoon.

created fictitious investments in certificates of deposit and bonds, and represented to auditors and bank examiners that the money he stole had in fact been invested in these vehicles.

LaJoice was confronted by regulators at the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services about discrepancies in the credit union's books. This prompted him to turn himself in the following day.

The Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union became insolvent from the embezzlement and joined with the Michigan State University Federal Credit Union.

LaJoice was ordered to pay restitution of \$17,748,380. His properties, including his multi-million dollar home in Tyrone Township, were sold to help pay restitution. Skypoint Ventures executed a purchase agreement to acquire the Fenton City commercial properties last summer.

The properties that Skypoint Ventures has purchased include 225 W. Caroline St., the now-vacant lot where LaJoice planned to construct a multi-million dollar, mixed development called "Riverview."

He has been lodged in the Oakland County Jail since January 2016.

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with the exception of Clark and Rossell, who were on the hiring committee, have seen Bladzik's resume, have a copy of the job description or a copy of the contract to review. Board members asked for those items so they could make an informed decision.

Another point of contention with the Bladzik recommendation is that he is not able to serve as the assistant village manager. According to the village charter, an elected official must be out of office for two years before he or she can be appointed to a village manager position.

"We have stated over and over that he will not be doing any of the duties of the manager, even in my absence," said Walker.



HOT LINE CONTINUED

TRUMP'S BEEN IN office for nine weeks and is already on his 12th taxpayer-funded golfing trip. If Trump spent more time focusing on his job perhaps he could've delivered on his many failed promises to replace Obamacare.

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CIA

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According to Forbes, one simple way to ensure the CIA is not using your TV to spy on you is to update yourTV. The Weeping Angel program would not be able to run on Samsung's latest firmware.

The leak showed hacking capabilities for mobile targets, specifically Androids and iOS phones. One chart describes 25 Android hacking techniques and another shows 12 iOS hacking techniques.

Some of these techniques require no physical contact with the device. Instead, they can use reference browsers like Chrome, which would allow infected web pages to infiltrate a device. The leaks also revealed that the CIA can use encrypted message apps such as WhatsApp, Signal, Telegram and Weibo.

However, these exploits were developed late 2015 to early 2016, meaning operating systems have developed fixes to prevent hacks using those techniques.

When it comes to desktop computers, the CIA's attacks focused on frameworks for Windows. This can include using antivirus software to gain access to a computer.

According to geekwire.com, the CIA could be violating the Vulnerabilities Equities Process, which is an agreement that said the U.S. was going to share device flaws it uncovers with U.S technology companies affected. It was developed after Edward Snowden's National Security Council National Security Agency (NSA) leaks.

Snowden's leak of documents stolen from the NSA in 2013 revealed that the agency was spying on Americans' phone records. The recent CIA leaks show that both agencies used much of the same techniques.

However, there could be more to come. WikiLeaks said in a press release that this leak was only the first part in a series.

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board to request something be done after three of his family dogs were involved in disputes with a neighbor's dog.

Argentine Township attorney David Lattie brought the ordinance, which he uses in Davison and Grand Blanc, that defines a "vicious dog" and lays out a procedure to deal with any problems with vicious animals.

Supervisor Brian Saad said this might be the language the board wants to adopt to "dig a little more teeth" into the issue so the police department can help getting "roughneck pets off the streets."

Lattie said, "You can get a municipal civil infraction for it so you can be fined somewhere between \$100 and \$250. The fine could range up to \$1,000 if you have repeated offenses."

This ordinance would allow them to go to district court and the judge will determine if it's a vicious dog.

"If it is, he can order it euthanized," he said. "When a dog is euthanized, there are people that are very unhappy, but it's issued as a protection method when you have an animal that can't be contained by traditional methods."

The ordinance does not classify violations as criminal violations "because we don't

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think it's appropriate to put people in jail for dogs that are vicious," Lattie said.

Lattie recommended repealing the old ordinance and replacing it with the new one. The board only discussed the ordinance on Monday. Saad tabled the issue for the next meeting in April.

Possible ordinance

According to the proposed ordinance, people are not allowed to keep a dog that frequently and loudly barks enough to cause serious annoyance to the neighborhood. If an animal bites or attacks a person or another animal, the owners are to notify the police department.

"If the police department. "If the police department determines that said animal constitutes a continuing threat, it may impound, or order the impoundment, of the animal at the owner's or persons in possession and control of the animal expense," the ordinance states.

Dogs must be on a leash when outside, or in an enclosed structure or operational invisible fence on the owner's property.

"Any animal found at large may be seized or impounded at its owner's/possessor's expense, or if such animal shall be incapable of being seized, the township police shall have the authority to destroy the animal(s) forthwith," according to the ordinance.

Under the ordinance, people would not be allowed to harbor vicious animals, except for guard dogs maintained for security purposes and the nature of the dog is noted upon the license application.

A "vicious dog" means "Any dog with a known propensity, tendency or disposition to attack unprovoked, or to cause injury to or otherwise threaten the safety of human beings or domestic animals," or "Any dog which, without provocation, attacks or bites, or has attacked or bitten, a human being."

> Any dog that acts vicious may result in the township attorney requesting a court of competent jurisdiction to euthanize the dog and/or quarantine or board the dog at the owner's expense, according to the ordinance.

All animals must have updated township, county or state licenses and medical

It is unlawful to keep or harbor more than three animals at a time, except for puppies and kittens not exceeding 6 weeks of age. The ordinance states that it's unlawful to release the animal to abandon it.

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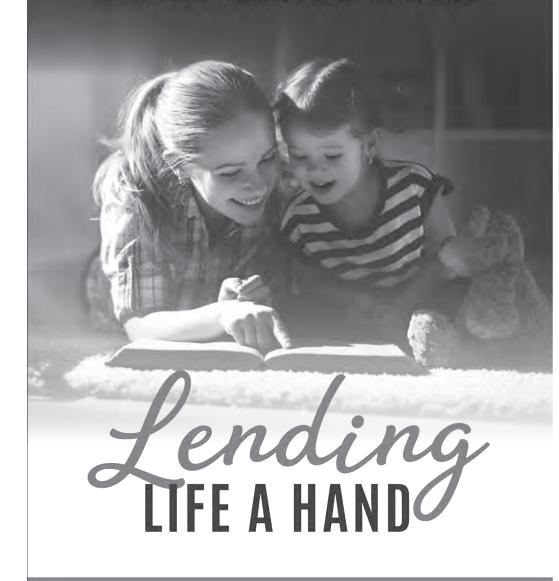
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unanimously passed a resolution to participate in the Mute Swan Egg/Nest Destruction Program at the millpond this spring.

They join the Fenton Township Board of Trustees, which passed a similar resolution in late February.

According to Dan Czarnecki, director of Fenton's Department of Public Works (DPW), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is concerned with the number of mute swans that are migrating to Michigan. These swans, which are easily identifiable by their orange bills, are non-native species to the state and compete with native waterfowl for food and other resources.

The USDA Wildlife Services have indicated they will help with nest destruction at no charge, Czarnecki said in a memo to Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland.

On Feb. 20, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved a similar program for Marl and Silver lakes. The Silver and Marl Lakes Homeowner Association brought the resolution to the board.

According to the township resolution, if people find mute swan egg nests around those lakes, they can call the Michigan

Mute swan history

According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, mute swans are not native to Michigan, or to North America. They were brought to this country from Europe.

Mute swans were introduced to this continent in the mid-1800s to adorn city parks and large estates. It is widely thought that all North American mute swan populations originated from the release or escape of individuals from these early captive flocks.

The first pair of feral mute swans was introduced to Michigan in 1919 in Charlevoix County. The population has continued to grow since that time. By the mid-1940s, the flock had increased to about 47 individuals. These swans spread through northern lower Michigan.

In 1972, the flock near Traverse City numbered between 450-500 birds and was increasing at 15-22 percent annually. The population in northern lower Michigan was over 1,000 birds by 1982, with over 2,000 birds statewide by 1990. During this time, a southern flock of mute swans was also established in southwest Michigan.

Concerns over the expanding population of non-native mute swans were first expressed by the DNR in the 1960s, and that concern continues today. Mute swan management activities have been taking place for decades at varying levels.

By 2000, the statewide breeding population was estimated to be about 5,700. In just 10 years, that number rose to over 15,500. The DNR estimates approximately an increase of about 9 to 10 percent each year.

Michigan now has the highest population of mute swans in North America.

With growing concern over burgeoning mute swan numbers, the DNR set a long-term goal to reduce the statewide mute swan population to less than 2,000 by the year 2030. Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to destroy them.

According to the DNR, mute swans are invasive to Michigan and pose a threat to humans as well as wildlife.

They're known to attack people on personal watercraft, tubes, kayaks, paddleboats and other watercraft. They will also attack small children and dogs.

Each year, the DNR gets reports of mute swan attacks on people in watercraft and on shore. These situations all pose potentially dangerous results, and as the mute swan population grows, so do the conflicts, according to the DNR.

Mute swans are one of the world's most aggressive waterfowl species, especially when they're nesting and humans come too close to their territory, according to the DNR. These swans will also attack other waterfowl like trumpeter swans, whose population is threatened, Canada geese, ducks, loons, and other birds.

"The trumpeter swan is native to Michigan, and is on our state's threatened species list. It has been on the road to recovery; however, the increasing presence of the invasive mute swan is threatening the breeding success of this native bird," according to the DNR.

Source: TCT "Township approves mute swan program"

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Synopsis of Argentine Township **Regular Board Meeting** March 27, 2017

Call to order @ 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Saad. Present: Conner, Hallman , Saad, and Graves. Absent: Schmidt. Approved: Minutes as printed of February 27, 2017. Approved: Budget Amendments. Approved: Payment of bills as presented. Issued: 6 Building Permits that amount to \$5,851.00. Tabled: Ordinance 35 G to regulate wild animals. Authorized: Supervisor Saad to sign MANAS addendum Agreement. Approved: Resolution 2017-5 authorizing Clerk and or Treasurer to execute documents and represent Argentine Township in sale of 9249 Pine Walk Pass property. Authorized Supervisor and Clerk to sign the 2017 Chloride Application Agreement. Approved: Lawn Maintenance Agreement with Royalty Services. Approved: Advertising for bids for sewer tap in and a sewer lead.

Adjourned @ 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by Denise Graves Argentine Township Clerk

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Obituaries



Sue, this has been another long sad year, since your passing. I hope you are in a better place and doing well. You have been my wife, companion and best friend for 57 years. I remember all of the wonderful times we spent together. People say this will get easier, I hope so We think of you every day. Gypsy and Bandit miss you, as well. You will always be remembered, loved, and missed so much by all of us.



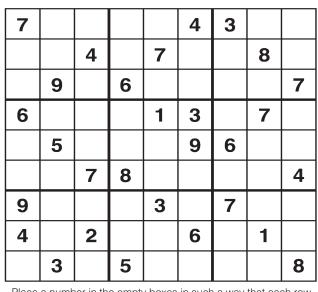


Olevia "Charlie" (nee Young) **Kershaw**

1928-2017 Olevia "Charlie" (nee Young) Kershaw - age 88, died Friday, March 24, 2017 at her residence in Fenton. No formal services will be held. Visitation will be held on Friday, March 31, 2017 from 12-6:30 PM at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Those desiring may make contributions to the Bright Focus Foundation https:// support.brightfocus.org. Olevia's family will hold memories of her in her home on Runyan Lake, beaming as she watched the little ones play in the water, baking them cookies, and wrestling them to the ground like a kid herself. They'll recall her as a devoted and proud wife of a World War II Navy Veteran, never leaving her husband's side throughout the years he battled Alzheimer's. And all will regard her as a survivor, suffering some health setbacks of her own late in life but fighting on and on in spite of them. She was a treasured daughter, sister, aunt, and cousin. Mother to Joseph Kershaw (Graciela) and Laura Kay Jones (Frank); grandmother to Shane Ö'Dell (Amy), Jesse Kershaw (Julie), Robert Kershaw (Hayley), Holly Kershaw (Greg), and Lauren Slatton (Tony); and great-grandmother "GG" to eight great-grandchildren. Olevia was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Grace Young; her beloved husband. William Kershaw; and five adoring siblings. A special thank you to the caregivers of Posey's Place staff who became like family. Online tributes may be shared on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes. com

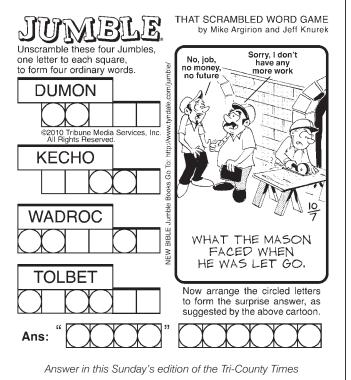


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WEDNESDAY JUMBLE



VD RELEASES

FANTASTIC BEASTS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM

This spin-off of the Harry Potter franchise jumps back in time to explore the

wizarding world of 1926 New York, which is being threatened by both mystical acts of destruction and a group of extremist

No-Majs (the American term for Muggles, i.e. those unable to use magic). Author Newt Scamander (Eddie Redmayne) arrives in the city as part of a global study of fantastic beasts, but he gets caught up in this conflict when some of the magical creatures in his care are accidentally released. PG-13. 2 hr. 12 min.

Action & Adventure, Kids & Family, Science Fiction & Fantasy



A MONSTER CALLS

A visually spectacular drama from director J.A. Bayona ("The Impossible"). 12-year-old Conor (Lewis MacDougall), MONSTER dealing with his mother's (Felicity Jones) illness, a less-than-

sympathetic grandmother (Sigourney Weaver), and bullying classmates, finds a most unlikely ally when a Monster appears at his bedroom window. Ancient, wild, and relentless, the Monster guides Conor on a journey of courage, faith, and truth. PG-13, 1 hr. 48 min.

Comedy, Drama, Kids & Family, Science Fiction & Fantasy



HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

Put your restlessness to good use by indulging the Arian love of exploring new places and seeking new challenges. There also could be a new romance waiting to be "discovered."

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

A surprise message from someone in your past could lead to a long-awaited reunion with a once-close friend. Also, look for a workplace problem to be resolved in your favor.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

Your self-confidence is rising, and that should be a significant factor in helping you adjust to a new social situation, as well as adjusting to a series of changes in the workplace.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Turnabout could be lots of fun when someone who previously accepted your tender, loving care without question now suggests that he or she wants to start taking care of you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)

Put the lessons you learned from past disappointments to work in planning your future. The way ahead opens to opportunities "purrfectly" suited to the adventurous Lion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

This is a good time to renew contacts with family members and/or old friends who somehow slipped off your personal viewing screen in recent years. Travel also is favored.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Most problems surrounding that recent personal situation have been resolved, and that means you should move on to other things that are important to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Spend this weekend recharging your physical and spiritual energies. When you return to your workaday world, you'll be ready to take on that new project.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Be careful how you advise a troubled

friend. Even your wise counsel could be misunderstood. Better to suggest that he or she seek professional help.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Family problems once again dominate and, once again, everyone seeks your guidance in these matters. Later, you can indulge in some much-needed relaxation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Some mixed signals create confusion in the workplace. Best advice: Ask for explanations before you attempt to deal with any of these matters on vour own.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) A patch of roiling water in the workplace could be threatening, but stay the course and you'll soon be clear of it. Then go out and have a great time with loved ones.

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