

Think twice before you shop online

■ Each decision NOT to shop local is a nail in the coffin of our community

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Empty storefronts in Fenton have been making headlines in the news lately, prompting readers to talk about what they'd like to

see come into our local retail mix.

Rather than wishing for what we'd like in the future, maybe we should be thankful for (and support) what we have today.

Our local businesses each have at least one family, and some have multiple families, whose livelihoods depend completely on the shopping decisions we make every day.

Just imagine for a minute, that more local

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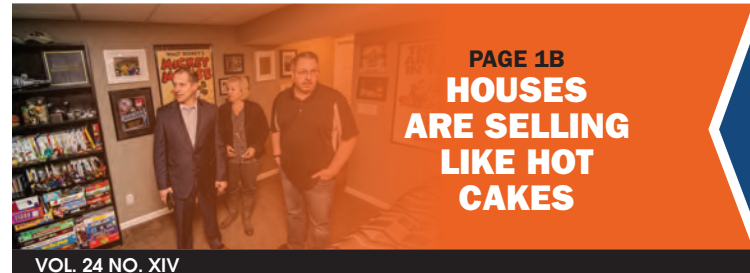


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FILE PHOTO

There are several empty storefronts in Fenton. Shopping local can prevent stores from going out of business.



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New strip mall overcomes first hurdle

■ Developers can now present site plans for approval

By Vera Hogan

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Fenton — Owen Road Partners, LLC, the developers that have purchased the Big Boy and Pizza Hut property on Owen Road have cleared an important hurdle.

On Tuesday, March, 28, the Fenton Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) approved requests for two variances, eliminating the need for the required 20-foot setbacks.

Carmin Avantini, planner for the city of Fenton said previously, "The variances they are requesting will allow the cross access connections with the

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Let's talk turkey



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Tom Watt of Argentine Township buys chicks for meat and egg-laying. Here, baby turkeys live at Family Farm and Home in 90-degree heat. Baby chickens and turkeys are sold from February to June. See story on Page 15A.



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This home on Belle Glade Court in Fenton Township sits boarded up after it caught fire on March 20. Three people have been charged with operating a meth lab, and one was charged with setting the fire.

Belle Glade Court residents don't feel safe in their homes

■ Suspected meth house goes up in flames, renters arrested

By Sharon Stone

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Three Fenton area people remain lodged in the Genesee County Jail after they were charged with multiple 20-year felonies following a house fire in Fenton Township on

March 20.

Genesee County Sheriff Robert Pickell said Tuesday, March 28, that based on the investigation, they believe it was arson, and that the fire was intentionally set to hide evidence of a methamphetamine lab.

A concerned neighbor who wishes to remain anonymous said, "I'll be honest, this road has fallen apart. We feel unsafe here.

See **METH HOUSE on 7A**

Schools could again start before Labor Day

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School districts would be able to start the new school year before Labor Day without state approval under a new bill introduced into the Senate on March 23.

Senate Bill 271 would not allow Michigan schools to be in session on any Monday or Friday in August.

See **SCHOOLS on 9A**

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“So if my math is correct, Mr. LaJoyce stole \$18 million and will now pay by going to prison for 11 years. Therefore he basically earned an average of \$1,636,364 per year. Pretty good pay, especially as it was tax free. As it turns out, crime does pay.”

“As a lifelong resident of Fenton I am aghast at what our leaders have done to our community. Faceless giant stores, too many restaurants, not enough parking, traffic jams everywhere you go. Out-of-townners get rich. How does any of this help the citizens?”

“Today in America, three out of 10 white children are born out of wedlock, as are 53 percent of Hispanic babies and 73 percent of black babies. And you wonder why our country is in the trouble it is?”



COMMENT
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REVEALING THE MYSTERIES OF DRY CLEANING

■ From 'money laundering' to 'pressing matters,' dry cleaners are your clothes' best friend

By Sally Rummel

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Lisa Perczak found more than she usually finds when cleaning out the pockets of a recent incoming order at Dixie Cleaners in Fenton.

In a jacket pocket was \$1,500 in bills, clearly a mistake left by an unknowing customer. Perczak knew exactly what to do — call the customer and let him know what she found so the money could rightly be returned to him. He was grateful and gave her a monetary gift for her honesty.

"You find all kinds of stuff (in pockets), some you don't want to talk about," said Tom Moleski, who has been with Dixie Cleaners for 44 years. "Most of it is just junk."

His parents, Herbert and Marie Moleski, founded Dixie Cleaners 52 years ago,

and Tom and his wife, Candy, bought the business 32 years ago.

Today, Tom runs the business with his sister, Lisa Perczak, and two other sisters, Diana Kelp and Donna Carmer, who help with ironing and alterations, respectively. "My sisters run it and I work for them," said Tom.

While this local business is still busy laundering and pressing shirts and doing alterations, they chose to stop dry cleaning on-site because their dry cleaning machine needed repairs — to the tune of at least \$3,000 to \$4,000.

"I took out the machine last September," said Tom. "Now we partner with Jan's Dry Cleaning in Clio, and offer drop-off and pick-up here."

The dry cleaning business has certainly changed in the last half century, but the process itself has not.

Despite its name, dry cleaning is not a dry process.

Perchloroethylene or "perc" is the dry cleaning chemical that is used in 80 percent of the dry cleaning operations in the U.S. and has been since the 1930s.

Clothes brought into a dry cleaning

See DRY CLEANING on 16A

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Tom Moleski
Owner of Dixie Cleaners in Fenton

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(Right) Tom Moleski has owned Dixie Cleaners for 32 years, and has worked there for 44 years. They

no longer dry clean on site, but they do shirt press and repairs among other services. (Below) Diana Kelp, Moleski's sister, irons dress shirts on Thursday.



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Smartphone owners can easily check out the prices of prescription medications at nearby pharmacies with the app GoodRx.

Prescription drug ads dominating TV

■ U.S. one of only two countries that allow prescription drug advertising

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While a number of groups and health care organizations lobby against prescription drug ads, spending on such commercials grew 62 percent since 2012, even as ad spending for most other product types was flat.

And it doesn't look like they're going

anywhere soon.

Pharmaceutical advertising exceeded \$6 billion last year, with television picking up the lion's share. However, the proliferation of drug advertisements has generated new controversy, in part because the ads inevitably promote high-priced drugs, some of which doctors say have limited practical utility for the average patient-viewer.

The cost of Lyrica, a painkiller, is about \$400 for 60 capsules, for example. Critics say the ads encourage patients

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Makes no sense

The problem with some people is they don't appreciate great insight when they hear it.

For instance, I was watching 'The Walking Dead' with the lovely yet formidable Marcia when I said, 'Why are the living people afraid of the zombie people when the zombie people are so dumb and slow? I mean, c'mon, my grandma could outrun them.'

Instead of saying, 'Yes, you're right, what a smart and witty observation — more, please,' as she should have, she sighed and said, 'You know you do that all the time, don't you?'



Andrew Heller
FEATURED COLUMNIST

'Do what?'
'Talk during shows and movies and say obnoxious, allegedly funny things.'

'I most certainly do not! But since you brought it up, why don't the living people just move into an aban-

doned grocery store instead of wandering around all the time scrounging for food and shelter?'

'Because then there wouldn't be a show, that's why. Now hush up and let me watch in peace.'

'I'm sorry, sweetie, of course.'

'Thank you.'

'So how is it possible that they even walk at all? I mean, their muscles are like melted string cheese. And if they're really dead, why do they need to eat?'

She hit the pause button and said, 'Look, would you please stop with the commentary and let me watch.'

'I'm sorry, you're right. Zipping the lip, starting now.'

'Thank you.'

'And if they eat, they have to poop, right? But how — because that would take an intact and functioning gastrointestinal system, which clearly many of these zombies do not have. I can see right through that one guy. And what about the zombies who wore glasses or contacts when they were people? What do they do? They'd never be able to see the living people much less run them down. And what about the kids — how come you never seen any kid zombies? And what about zombies who

used walkers, canes or scooters when they were people — I haven't seen a single zombie driving an Amigo. Not one. Does AARP know about this?'

'This is like watching TV with a 4-year-old — why, why why? Would you stop analyzing everything and just watch, please.'

'I can't, it makes no sense. How can you watch a show that makes no sense?'

'BECAUSE IT'S TV, that's how! You loved Scooby-Doo back in the day, but dogs don't really talk, you know.'

'They don't?'

She frowned.

'No, they don't. Now knock it off and let me unpause this, OK? You hate it when I ask dumb questions when the Hitler channel's on.'

'It's not the Hitler channel, it's the History Channel. It just plays a lot of Hitler. He's sort of their rock star.'

'Whatever. The point is if I did this during one of your precious ballgames, you'd ... wait a second, you want to watch a ballgame, don't you.'

'I don't know what you're talking about.'

'Yes, you do, there's a ballgame you want to see, isn't there?'

'Could be. I don't know.'

'Fine, here,' she said, handing me the clicker, a.k.a. the wand of power. 'I'll watch it later. Put on your stupid game.'

'Thank you, sweetie!'

'Save it, chiseler.'

Like I said, some people clearly don't appreciate great insight when they hear it.

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VICE PRESIDENT MIKE Pence says 'I'm a conservative, I'm a Christian, and a Republican.' I didn't hear him say anything about being an American.

YOU HEARTLESS CONSERVATIVES realize that you're as well off as you are mostly because of the luck of being born in this country, not your hard work.

AFTER TRYING TO get a Florida ID renewed for a disabled relative in Florida, I understand why so many families give up and force Medicaid to take over. Government regulations are just too difficult to deal with.

REPUBLICAN LAWMAKERS HAVE placed their constituents' welfare ahead of this administration's government-shaking agenda.

HOW ABOUT THE Republican congressman from Oklahoma indicted on several counts of sex with young boys.

THE WEALTHY AVOID paying

taxes and a living wage, insisting this will make America great again.

REGARDING THE MEDIA, I'm quoting an ancient Chinese proverb, 'A man who believes everything he reads should not read.' Read good publications like the Times and New York Times and the Wall Street Journal. Get a balanced view.

TWO MONTHS INTO the office of presidency, no travel ban, no repeal of Obamacare, you've insulted our allies and you're being investigated by the FBI. Good job, Mr. President.

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"Anything to do with bathroom habits. I don't want to see anyone's butt or any person's body parts."

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"Any of the personal hygiene commercials. Too personal."

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"The Flo ones. I'm of tired of it. She's OK. She needs a new hair color. I prefer purple."

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Does conserving water lower your monthly rate?

■ Question is often asked by Fenton, Holly and Linden residents

By Vera Hogan

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It doesn't happen as often since the Flint Water Crisis began in April of 2014, but area residents still grumble about their quarterly water bills and why conserving is not the answer to lowering rates.

With local municipalities now working on their new fiscal year budgets, the matter of water rates is likely to be discussed by elected officials during budget sessions.

Paying for new water plants and equipment have been the reasons for raising rates in all three local communities in the past. The following is a recap of what happened in each community.

HOLLY

In May of 2007, it was announced that water rates would be increased in order for the village to "pay its bills." The last time their rates increased was in 2005.

The proposed increases came as a result of Michigan's sagging economy and the fact that construction of new homes in the Pulte development slowed dramatically. Tap-in fees promised by the developer, Silverman Properties, coupled with water usage rates falling short of the original estimation, resulted in far less revenues collected by the village.

The village had borrowed \$6.5 million for upgrades to the water system.

That \$6.5 million bought four miles of new water main, doubled the size of the water treatment plant, and built a new water tower on Quick Road, changes village leadership said were desperately needed in the community anyway.

The Holly Village Council and Silverman Properties began talking about a preliminary agreement to extend sewer and water services to the property, located on Academy Drive in Holly Township.

The 345-acre piece of property owned by Silverman Properties would ultimately become known as the Pulte development, a neighborhood that was planned to consist of about 900 newly built homes.

Extending water and sewer to the new development was critical to the development, and Silverman Properties said if the village failed to do so, that they would then build their own water-sewer treatment facility directly across the river from the village's current plant.

In July of 2002, those seated on the Holly Village Council agreed to extend water and sewer services to Silverman's 345-acre property. The deal marked the first time the village voted to extend water and sewer services outside the village limits.

Silverman Properties agreed to pay the village \$100,000 in advance for tap-in fees. They estimated they would build 900 homes, bringing the village enough money through tap-in fees and water usage to fund the water treatment plant, a new water tower, and a new waste water treatment plant all totaling approximately \$18 million in bond money.

The deal was inked in the fall of 2002. Because construction didn't actually begin on the wastewater treatment plant until 2006, the cost of construction supplies had increased and the original



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Conserving water does not eliminate the need to increase water rates when local communities need that money to pay for new water plants.

estimate of \$9 million was increased to \$12 million.

Then everything went wrong.

Silverman Properties hired Pulte Homes to begin building homes in the development along Academy Drive. Silverman projected that Pulte would build 900 homes, but to date, has built fewer than 300 homes.

Now the village is on the hook.

FENTON

The situation in Holly was similar to what Fenton leaders faced two years prior.

When the city of Fenton built its new water plant, municipally softened water began flowing through city pipes in the summer of 2004. When the idea was first brought forward, the city engineer at the time estimated a minimal increase to users.

That turned out to be false because the cost of chemicals, for one, came in higher than originally anticipated. Once it was all said and done, Fenton water users were slammed with a 95 percent water rate increase. And just when they thought things couldn't get worse, residents were later hit with another increase when their efforts to conserve water caused another shortage of needed dollars.

"We have to pay our bills," said the city treasurer at the time.

In 2010 it happened again. The city's water and sewer funds were struggling, and the council approved some fee increases after it was reported to them that the water fund had no cash.

In addition, because of the economy, tap fees from new construction were not generating revenue as expected. And, water usage decreased.

Not only did the city need operating money for the water fund, Fenton also needed to pay bonds to the Michigan Municipal Bond Authority, for the water treatment plant.

The Fenton bonds are expected to be paid off in 2023 and 2019.

LINDEN

The city of Linden, too, had a problem with the water fund cash flow in 2007, resulting in a water rate increase. A second increase was planned for 2009 to help pay for developments that were projected at the time.

METH HOUSE

Continued from Front Page

"There's reason to believe there's another meth house, plus another home that has been a rental for two years that we neighbors are constantly calling 911 on because of fights taking place. Horrible fights. These people are like possessed.

"This particular home, they grow weed and it's obvious they sell it illegally.

"We are extremely disturbed and scared. We just had a scare a couple nights ago where there was a commotion, screaming and someone yelling 'Run, he has a gun.' We actually took cover.

"What kind of life is this? We can't feel safe in our own home?"

Matthew Scott Dues, 36, Jennifer Lynn Young, 34 and Joshua Paul Forsythe, 35, were arraigned on March 26 in Genesee County 67th District Court.

Dues, Young and Forsythe 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.

Dues has also been facing a felony charge of unarmed robbery from 2015. He pleaded guilty in 2016. After adjournments, delays and bench warrants for his arrest, Dues was taken into custody following the March 20 house fire. On March 30, he was sentenced to 15 months to 20 years in prison for the unarmed robbery.

The house caught fire at 3:45 p.m. on Monday, March 20. The fire was mostly contained to the living room area, according to Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz. It was deemed suspicious and the Michigan State Police Arson Investiga-

tion 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 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.

CRIMINAL PAST HISTORIES

Dues served five years of probation for a 2008 conviction of operating a vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, third offense.

Forsythe served five years in state prison for an attempted carjacking in 2010. Prior to that, he served time for identity theft, receiving stolen property and operating a vehicle while intoxicated, third offense.

Young has served time in the Genesee County Jail for a 2016 retail fraud offense.

**“I’ll be honest,
this road has
fallen apart.
We feel unsafe
here.”**

**Concerned neighbor
Fenton Township**

SUMMARY

■ A home on Belle Glade Court in Fenton Township caught fire on March 20. Three people have now been charged with operating a meth lab there and intentionally setting the house on fire to cover up their activity.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

JUST THE NUMBER 35 defining vacant properties doesn't tell the whole story. Thirty-five of how many? I noticed most of the vacancies are in large strip mall developments. Little architecture detail, isolating those large developments, some simple visual distraction to break them down into little groups would go a little way.

■■■
I THINK FUTURE historians would show us that atmospheric warming was not the cause but the result. The cause is we're pumping all this crude oil out of the core of the earth and the earth's core will overheat. It's going to get hot.

■■■
HUMAN BEINGS ARE not responsible for, nor can we change, climate change. We are mere microcosms in this universe. Climate change is cyclical. It's been going on since the beginning of time.

■■■
TO THE PERSON who said Trump destroyed the nation, you ought to look back and find out that it was destroyed then and not now.

■■■
WHOEVER COMPLAINED ABOUT older people and Social Security, boy are you stupid. They earned their money a long time ago. Young people can get another job that pays more.

■■■
FENTON DOES NOT need another strip mall. They took away Big Boy and Pizza Hut. Why can't Big Boy go into where the Ruby Tuesday's is? We don't need any more strip malls.

■■■

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | HANNAH BALL

Fenton police, firefighters, and STAT EMS attend a lunch hosted by AGS Middle School seventh-graders for first responders as a way to say "thank you."

Students host lunch for first responders

■ AGS students get to know and learn about careers of our local heroes

By Hannah Ball

hball@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792

Fenton — Seventh-graders at Fenton's Andrew G. Schmidt Middle School learned what it's like to be a first responder Tuesday, when they hosted a lunch for local police, firefighters, and other first responders.

More than 20 Fenton police, firefighters and STAT EMS personnel attended the event and had lunch with the students.

Anna Goss, food service director for Fenton Area Public Schools, brought the idea to the administrator, and Principal Heidi Ciesielski "jumped on board," she said.

"The goal for me is just building positive relationships with the students and first responders. There's a lot of negativity out there and I think if we build these relationships when they're young, it'll be good for the community," said Goss.

"As a person who lost a family member who was a public safety officer (Police, Fire, EMT) in the line of duty, building these positive relationships between our youth and first responders is near and dear to my heart. We hope to make this an annual tradition that the students and first responders look forward to every year."

The students had their guests sign in, gave them cookies and some other treats, and then escorted them to their tables. A first responder was placed at each table with students.

Matt Everhard, a Fenton City firefighter, said the students asked him a

"smorgasbord of questions" about his job.

He told them a story about how he put out a fire in his old high school when he worked for the North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA).

Carla Feamster, a Fenton police officer, said she was asked "what's the worst part of being a police officer? What do you do if you want to be a police officer? Have you ever been tazed? Have you ever been pepper sprayed?"

Feamster explained to the students that all prospective officers are tazed. She said she doesn't know the exact reason, but she believes it's so they understand what it feels like so they don't abuse it.

Meeting the students was "so fun," she said. "At first I think they were a little bit shy and a little bit timid but you can see the entire table got into the conversation. I think it was good for both of us. It was nice to be able to sit down with young people and it was probably somewhat informative for (the kids)."

Libby Maier, 12, a seventh grader, helped organize the event. "I was pretty excited. It's not every day you get to do something like this," she said. "The first responders do so much for us and there's not really a way to just walk up to police station and be like 'thank you,' and just doing this for them, providing them a meal — I think it's a pretty nice thing."

Superintendent Adam Hartley said, "Mrs. Goss and the food service team came to us with this idea and our principals jumped on it right away. AGS principal Heidi Ciesielski, and her staff and students at AGS Middle School, (were) excited to host the first of many as we honor these local heroes."

“I was pretty excited. It's not every day you get to do something like this.”

Libby Maier
AGS Middle School
seventh-grade student

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SCHOOLS

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Labor Day is the first Monday in September. Students would still be able to travel for four-day weekends under the new bill. Critics say the bill would hurt Michigan's tourism industry because August is the most popular month for travel.

This new legislation comes after former Governor Jennifer Granholm signed legislation in September 2005, which was intended to help the tourism industry in Michigan by requiring schools to begin the school year after Labor Day beginning in the 2006 school year.

Lake Fenton Superintendent Wayne Wright said the law states that schools cannot start before Labor Day unless they have a waiver for a balanced calendar or a waiver from the Michigan Department of Education due to offering educational programs during the summer.

"I would favor a pre-Labor Day start as we have many students in our schools in August for sports and band," he said.

SUMMARY

■ A new bill would allow Michigan schools to start before Labor Day without a state waiver.

bill aligned to increasing student performance? What is the point of this bill?"

He questioned whether the bill would help increase Michigan's current low rank in student performance.

"I am a firm believer in well-thought-out-change that involves stakeholders that understand the systems they are trying to improve. Doing something for the sake of doing something is causing education in our state to constantly try to recover from 1,000 paper-cuts," he said.

Starting classes before Labor Day, not on Monday or Friday, could conflict

with sports. If parents take their kids up north on the weekends, they could miss Friday night games because many districts have games before school officially starts.

However, Koledo said if they started before Labor Day, they could bring back winter break during February or March.

"We used to have a week off and it was a welcome break for students and staff alike," he said.

The bill was introduced by Marty Knollenberg, Phillip Pavlov, and Hoon-Yung Hopgood on March 23.

It was referred to the Committee of the Whole on March 29.

“If school is mandated to be 180 days of student instruction, then what is the bill after?”

Ed Koledo
Linden superintendent

Linden Superintendent Ed Koledo said, "If school is mandated to be 180 days of student instruction, then what is the bill after? It leaves me scratching my head. How is this

Upcoming Meetings

The **Fenton Township Board of Trustees** will hold a regular meeting at **7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 3** at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, lower level.

The **Fenton City Council** will hold a regular meeting at **7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 3** at Fenton City Hall.

The **Linden Planning Commission** will hold a meeting at **7 p.m. on Monday, April 3** in Council Chambers.

The **Holly Village Zoning Board of Appeals** will hold a meeting at **7 p.m. on Monday, April 3** at the Karl Richter Community Center.

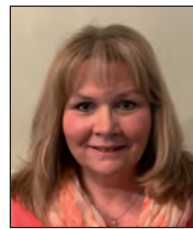
The **Tyrone Township Board of Trustees** will hold a regular meeting at **7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4** at the Township Hall.

The **Holly Village Parks Commission** will hold a meeting at **7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5** at the Karl Richter Community Center.

Business briefs

Silver Lake Family Practice adds nurse practitioner

Silver Lake Family Practice is pleased to announce the addition of a nurse practitioner to its medical staff. Deborah Conlon, FNP-BC, joined the group on Feb. 21, after more than 20 years as a nurse practitioner. "Our role in providing primary care is definitely growing," said Conlon. "We can diagnose and prescribe, and that scope is widening." She graduated from Saginaw Valley State University and earned her master's degree from Michigan State University. She resides in Fenton with her husband, Bob, and two sons, Thomas, 15, and Ryan, 13. Silver Lake Family Practice is at 1100 Torrey Rd., Suite 300 in Fenton, telephone (810) 714-7369.



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APRIL 2

1992: A jury in New York finds mobster John Gotti, nicknamed the Teflon Don for his ability to elude conviction, guilty on 13 counts, including murder and racketeering. In the wake of the conviction, the assistant director of the FBI's New York office, James Fox, was quoted as saying, "The don is covered in Velcro, and every charge stuck." In June of that year, Gotti was sentenced to life in prison, dealing a significant blow to organized crime.

APRIL 3

1882: One of America's most famous criminals, Jesse James, is shot to death by fellow gang member Bob Ford, who betrayed James for reward money. For 16 years, Jesse and his brother, Frank, committed robberies and murders throughout the Midwest. Detective magazines and pulp novels glamorized

the James gang, turning them into mythical Robin Hoods who were driven to crime by unethical landowners and bankers. In reality, Jesse James was a ruthless killer who stole only for himself.

APRIL 4

1968: Just after 6 p.m. Martin Luther King Jr. is fatally shot while standing on the balcony outside his second-story room at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee. The civil rights leader was in Memphis to support a sanitation workers' strike and was on his way to dinner when a bullet struck him in the jaw and severed his spinal cord. King was pronounced dead after his arrival at a Memphis hospital. He was 39 years old.

APRIL 5

1968: On the morning after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., city officials in Boston, Massachusetts, were scrambling to prepare for an expected second straight night of violent unrest. Similar preparations were being made in cities across America, including in the nation's capital. But Boston would be nearly alone among America's major cities in remaining quiet and calm that turbulent Friday night, thanks in large part to one of the least quiet and calm musical performers of all time. On the night of April 5, 1968, James Brown kept the peace in Boston by the sheer force of his music and his personal charisma.

APRIL 6

1896: The first modern Olympic Games are held in Athens, Greece, with athletes from 14 countries participating. The International Olympic Committee met for the first time in Paris in June 1894 and chose Greece as the site of the inaugural modern Olympiad. The ancient games are believed to have originated in 776 B.C. in Olympia, Greece, where athletes competed in one event: a foot race. Over the years, other events were added. The last ancient Olympics are thought to have taken place in A.D. 393.

APRIL 7

1954: President Dwight D. Eisenhower coins one of the most famous Cold War phrases when he suggests the fall of French Indochina to the communists could create a "domino" effect in Southeast Asia. The so-called "domino theory" dominated U.S. thinking about Vietnam for the next decade.

APRIL 8

1974: Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves hits his 715th career home run, breaking Babe Ruth's legendary record of 714 homers. A crowd of 53,775 people, the largest in the history of Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, was with Aaron that night to cheer when he hit a fourth inning pitch off the Los Angeles Dodgers' Al Downing.

Source: history.com

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE LIBERAL LEFT and the LGBT people want to punish North Carolina for protecting their children.

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IF THIS COUNTRY should go broke, the 1 percent and the stock market should donate their trillions of dollars and tax cuts for a bail-out just as we donated trillions of dollars out of our pockets when their market went broke.

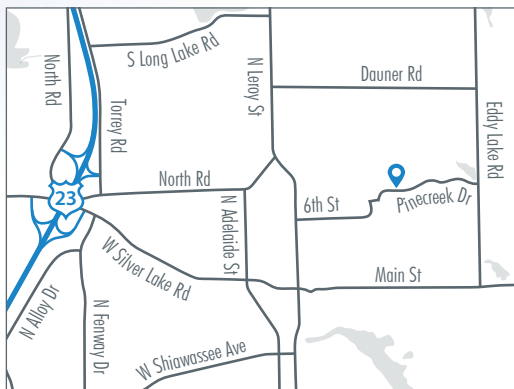
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TO THE CALLER complaining about older people bellyaching about Social Security and pensions. We earned that right because we worked very hard for what we did. You kids today just get everything given to you, you don't even want to do the work.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

The sculpture Fenton residents and visitors have come to know and love — Grateful Fred — now belongs to the taxpayers of Fenton. The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) decided to purchase the artwork for \$5,000, which has been rented for the last year. The purchase price was negotiated down from the original price tag of \$8,500. The artist is Robert Pollack. Grateful Fred is one of eight sculptures rented from Midwest Sculpture Initiative and is located behind City Hall. They are due to go back and eight new ones will be delivered this spring. DDA Director and Assistant City Manager Michael Hart said, "I believe that it is common knowledge that 'Fred' is a beloved piece of artwork and appreciated by many people that come to visit him and take pictures either of him or with him."

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHAT'S WITH THAT photo collage tribute video on Abdul Akl that plays right after the Times' video of him in court? It looks like it was created by his family. Why was there no mention or photos of the victim?

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WHAT KIND OF person would want to allow boys and men in our girl's locker rooms and restrooms? What kind of person would want to force our schools to take men from other countries who are illegal who cannot speak English and force them into our high schools with young people?

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LAST WEEK PRESIDENT Trump signed an order to trim \$3 billion off the federal budget for stripping funding for 19 worthless agencies including the National Endowment of the Arts.

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JUST LISTED!!!

6426 CRESTVIEW DR, HOLLY

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3654 WOODLAND DR, METAMORA

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8401 GROVEMONT CT, GRAND BLANC

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16215 GRAND VIEW RD, FENTON

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1263 VICTORIA LN, FENTON

FENTONWOOD ESTATES \$314,999
2720 SF, 4 BDR and 3 BA. Open floor plan, soaring ceilings, crown molding, hardwood floors and large windows. Great kitchen, beautiful master suite with tray ceiling, walk in closet, large tub and separate walk in shower. Full finished walkout basement and 2 car attached garage.

1500 TRIPLE OAK DR, FENTON

DOLLAR LAKE \$249,999
120' frontage on Dollar Lake (connects to Little Long Lake) 2718 SF of finished living space, 4 BDR and 3 BA. Finished walkout basement w/ large rec room, full bath + sauna, fireplace, office. 1 acre lot with 2 oversized 2.5 car attached garages, plus 3rd garage.

6239 CANTER CREEK, GRAND BLANC

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO
Barbara Hopkins of Fenton holds a baby white turkey at Family Farm and Home in Fenton on Saturday, March 25.

It's baby chicks time in the tri-county area

■ Baby chickens, turkeys for sale in annual spring rite

By Tim Jagielo
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At Family Farm and Home in Fenton, the baby white turkeys greet visitors and intruders like cameras and recording equipment into their tanks with curiosity, while the chickens run and hide.
Barbara Hopkins of Fenton coaches her children on how to properly hold the fuzzy, but fragile wriggling birds so they don't get away. Her family has chickens for pets and for eggs. "They're a lot of work, but a lot of fun," she said.
While chickens and turkeys can lay eggs all year, spring is the time farmers, hobbyists and backyard bird keepers can buy baby chickens and turkeys locally.
People buy chickens for pets, eggs, meat or even farm projects for 4-H.
Baby chicks are sold at this big statewide chain, as well as the local McKay's Hardware Do-It Center in Holly.

Blausey. "It's been an exciting adventure for us, we love doing it."
Each store has a "Chick Captain" to take care of the birds. They handle cleaning, feeding and water. Water includes nutrients they need to grow and be healthy.
"This is a big part of the community," said Blausey. "It really reaches our target audience," he said. "We're a farm store, driven toward serving the rural community."
At McKay's in Holly, there is a tiered cage system. The youngest chicks are at the top, and the lower levels are for the chickens as they grow and need less heat.
Like at Family Farm and Home, these birds are kept in a 90-degree environment. As they're feathers grow out, they'll require less heat.
Family Farm and Home sells birds for nearly five months, starting in February and ending in early June. McKay's sells them around Easter. McKay estimates that they'll sell approximately 400 baby chicks up until Easter.

Chicks, as they grow up, do have personalities. It's hard to believe.

Ken McKay
McKay's Hardware
Do-It Center owner

"We've had chickens all our life," said owner Ken McKay. "Chicks as they grow up do have personalities. It's hard to believe," he said with a chuckle. Some are very skittish, and some are social.
Family Farm and Home has sold baby chicks since the business began in 2002. "The backyard poultry (culture) is growing, and it's growing extremely fast," said Vice President of Operations Brian

that they'll sell approximately 400 baby chicks up until Easter.
"We get a variety of breeds, but we get them all different times," he said. McKay chose to focus on egg-laying chickens only. Turkeys are also available at Family Farm and Home.
While McKay said chickens are not difficult to raise, it's important to check with one's specific municipality to see what is allowed. Townships tend to be more liberal with backyard chickens than cities or villages.

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Spotlight on:

KAY JEWELERS

‘Number one jewelry store in America’ opens doors in Fenton near Target

By Sally Rummel
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Kay Jewelers, with 20 locations in Michigan, has added Fenton to its list of stores, following their opening earlier this month. The store is at 3259 Owen Rd. at The Shoppes of Fenton, near Target. Frank Cirillo, director of public relations for Signet Jewelers, parent company to Kay Jewelers, responded to questions asked by the Times.

How did you choose Fenton as a location for Kay Jewelers?
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WHAT YOU MISSED in the MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following are stories you may have missed in the **Wednesday, March 29, Midweek Times**. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

LaJoice pleads ‘no contest’ in Oakland County

Michael LaJoice, 38, formerly of Tyrone Township, pleaded no contest in Oakland County Circuit Court on Monday, March 27 on 14 counts of embezzlement. The Circuit Court decision could mirror federal 11-year sentence.

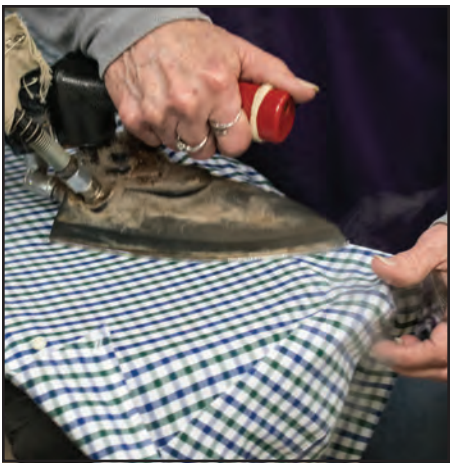


House fire exposes suspected meth lab in Fenton Township

Three Fenton area people are facing felonies following a house fire in Fenton Township on March 20. Authorities believe the fire was intentionally set to cover up a meth lab operation.

Vicious dog ordinance moves forward in Argentine

Dogs determined to be vicious could be quarantined, euthanized under proposed new ordinance.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO
Before ironing shirts, Diana Kelp first stretches the seams with a steam system.

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facility are placed in a huge washing machine that uses solvent instead of water. “It goes in dry and comes out dry in a 40-minute cycle,” said Tom. “By the time it’s cleaned and pressed, there is no chemical residue left. It is safe for the consumer.”

Once the clothes are dry, they are pressed and put into plastic bags for customer pick-up.

Some dry cleaners are moving toward a “greener” process of dry cleaning, but Tom says the new solvents don’t clean as well. “Perc works best on clothes with grease stains.”

Both Tom and Perczak agree that today’s more disposable clothing doesn’t bode well for the future of dry cleaning. “It’s kind of a dying business,” said Perczak. “Even business executives don’t dress the way they used to. Everything’s a lot more casual. Clothes are more cheaply made and just worn for one or two seasons.”

She recalls that people used to bring in bags of clothing for summer or winter storage. “We’d moth-proof the bags, then steam them out when it was time for the customers to pick them up. We still offer that service. We’re just starting to get sweaters and coats for the end of the season.”

In his decades in the dry cleaning business, Tom has seen just about everything. One of the most unusual items he has ever dry cleaned was a deer skin, “a taxidermy that hadn’t quite gotten finished,” said Tom. “I ran it through the dry cleaning machine. The solvent took the fat tissues off. We had to totally clean the machine when this was done.”

Once, a guy brought in bearskin rugs to be cleaned. “They were just too old and dried out to clean without them falling apart,” said Tom. “We had to give them back to the customer.”

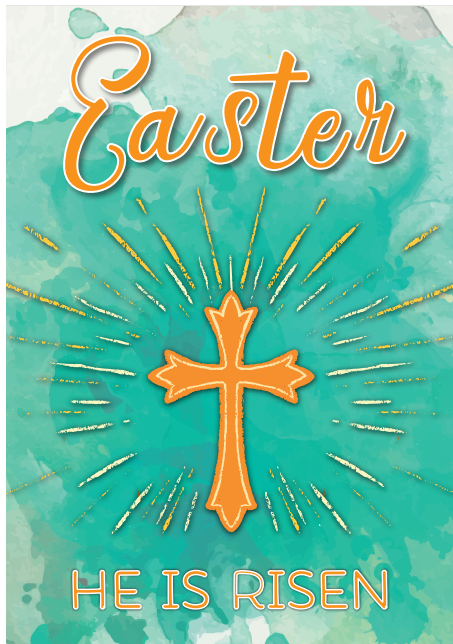
Some of the clothes brought in for dry cleaning can actually be washed — either at home or the dry cleaners. Even clothes marked “Dry Clean Only” can sometimes be washed safely, according to Tom.

Fabrics that should be dry cleaned include wools, silks and some rayon materials. Items that can be washed include down comforters, hunting suits and snowmobile suits.

“About 40 percent of what comes in is washed and 60 percent is dry cleaned,” said Tom. “Sometimes, I even bring in our own laundry from home to do here.”

SUMMARY

■ Dry cleaning is become a lost art because of more casual work attire and more “disposable” clothing.



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Business is 'gold' for McKay's Hardware

■Holly business landmark celebrates 50th Anniversary

By Sally Rummel

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Nuts and bolts continue to be the staple of McKay's Hardware Do-It Center in Holly, 50 years after Ralph McKay purchased the business from Eby Paint & Wallpaper, where he had been a paint salesman.

April 1, 1967 is the store's official golden anniversary date. Ken McKay, Ralph's son and second-generation owner, still laughs about his family's business opening on April Fool's Day.

"It's still not funny, Dad," joked Ken.

McKay's Hardware will celebrate its golden anniversary with a town-wide party on Saturday, April 8 with party rental demonstrations, a barbecue by Barlow's Authentic Barbecue & Catering Services and a bounce house for the kids. "We'll be serving party staples like slushes, cotton candy and popcorn, all from our rental party equipment," said Ken.

This Holly store has been a fixture in the Holly business community for decades, even before Eby Paint & Wallpaper. P.A. Wright & Son had operated the downtown Holly hardware for 75 years before Eby had purchased it.

Ralph McKay operated McKay's Hardware for many years, where Holly Antiques on Main Street is now located. He was known for his volunteer work with the Holly Kiwanis



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Ralph McKay is pictured volunteering with the Holly Kiwanis Club during the holiday season.

Club, the Holly Area Chamber of Commerce, the Groveland Township Board and Oakland County 4-H.

In 1987, Ken and his wife, Cathy, purchased the business from Ken's mom, Barbara, with whom they had operated the business after Ralph's death 40 years ago. Barbara McKay remains active in the community, recently coming out of retirement to operate Holly Antiques in the McKay's building, which she recently sold.

The store remained downtown until 1994, when it outgrew that location. The McKay family built its new facility at 15146 N. Holly Rd. "We moved from 4,000 square feet into 14,000 square feet," said Ken.

Today, the business is known as McKay's Hardware Do-It Center, and is proud to be independently owned and operated, while still giving customers volume pricing through its hardware wholesaling group.

In the past 50 years, McKay's has diversified a lot of its inventory, but nuts and bolts remain a core staple. They've gotten into the business of craft brewing supplies and out of housewares. Paint continues to be a staple at McKay's, as are the yard and garden and plumbing and electrical departments.

New additions in recent years are McKay's huge rental department and their greenhouse, now in its sixth year.

Ken is active with the Holly Downtown Development Authority, the Holly Area Chamber of Commerce and the Holly Kiwanis Club. He also enjoys coaching the Fenton/Linden High School ski team.



Barbara McKay and Ken McKay (center) break ground with builder Buster Oldenburg for their new McKay's Hardware building in 1994 after decades of doing business downtown.

STRIP MALL

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proposed development to line up with the Sunoco site to the east and the Tuffy site to the west. In addition, the property narrows considerably for the current Big Boy site and makes it difficult to provide adequate parking while still meeting the ordinance parking setback requirements."

On Wednesday, Avantini said, "The variance requests for the parking setbacks were approved and there was no opposition. The ZBA is pretty rigid when it comes to variance requests so they must have felt pretty strongly that the criteria were met."

According to a previous interview, Building and Zoning Administrator Mike Reilly said the Owen Road Partners' concept includes up to a nine-

tenant building. The property is zoned general business, which could include anything from retail and restaurants, to personal services like medical offices, banks, etc.

Now that Owen Road Partners LLC has ZBA variances, their plan will proceed to the Fenton Planning Commission for site plan approval.

The two chief complaints from the public about this project are increased traffic in an already congested area, and the number of storefronts that currently sit vacant throughout the city.

According to Interim Police Chief Jason Slater, there have been 18 accidents at Owen and Silver Parkway, directly across from the proposed project, in the past 15 months.

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sense of pride you have in your hometown, where unique businesses, boutiques, restaurants and service providers make up your business community — rather than cookie-cutter chains, or worse yet, empty storefronts.

Just think about that every time you click "CHECKOUT" on your online purchase, where no one locally benefits from your hard-earned dollars. Not even you.

One by one, a business fails, and daily change is imperceptible until you add them all up, like Times Reporter Vera Hogan did last week when she counted the retail casualties in our community.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

ROBOTS AND TECHNOLOGY have taken over the only jobs that many people were able to do. Insurers have rigged the healthcare pricing system so that uninsured are charged top dollar prices. There is no way some people can get healthcare without government entitlements.

I JUST FINISHED John McCain's book about spending seven years in a Vietcong prison camp. Words cannot express what he went through and his love and loyalty for his country.

I'M SORRY TO inform you but you have to pay into Social Security for quite a while to collect. She must collect it from her husband.

THE FORGIVE PART is something that I have down pat. The forget part, it's challenging to me for some reason.

THE PROBLEMS WITH Americans and America today is we don't want to work for chump change. After all, I'm not going to work for any less than half of what I'm worth.

OBAMA AND HIS Democrats have been the anti-law enforcement party for the last

eight years. That's why there has been an increase in rapes, violence and murders in most of our major cities in the US.

I STARTED SAVING for my retirement when I was 25 years old. I put into my pension, Social Security, and I also invested money. I didn't go out and buy a new car every couple years, or buy a cottage or buy a boat. I plan for my future. I suggest you do the same.

A BRUTAL RAPE? Is there such thing as a nonbrutal rape?

GLOBAL WARMING AND man evolving from the apes. Maybe you should take a science class and learn about these things.

FOSTER CHILDS. LOCAL proof that if you give a man an inch, he'll think he's a ruler.

ARE WE AS Americans becoming so complacent with the bias, the slant, the spin, that the obvious truth is no longer even apparent?

THE MARCH 26 Hot line said that 'Trump had visited his resort and has spent more time there than he has in Washington.' Well, Trump pays for it himself and Obama used government money.

Police&Fire
report

MAN AND WOMAN TICKETED FOR BEING ON SCHOOL ROOF

A man and woman were ticketed for being on the roof of State Road Elementary School in Fenton on March 29 at 10:50 p.m. Sgt. Dave Reinfelder said police responded to a report of people on the roof by a maintenance worker who could hear them while working inside. Police spotted the man and woman who were attempting to hide. They eventually came down. The 26-year-old Fenton man appeared to be intoxicated and he registered .24 on the Breathalyzer. He was taken into custody for disorderly intoxication and for being on school property without authorization. He was lodged overnight. His companion, an 18-year-old Fenton woman was ticketed for being on school property without authorization. The following day, the man told police he could not remember why they were on the roof.

CRACKED WINDSHIELD LEADS TO ARRESTS

At 9:30 a.m. on March 27, Fenton police conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for having a cracked windshield. Police soon learned that the driver, a 34-year-old Fenton woman, did not have a driver's license since it was suspended. A passenger, her 31-year-old husband, had misdemeanor arrest warrants. The woman was turned over to Davison Township police on her warrant. Her husband had a valid warrant out of Flint, however, they would not pick him up. During a search of their car, police recovered marijuana, which the man said belonged to him. He was ticketed for possession of marijuana.



ASK THE MECHANIC

Chris Wilkinson, Certified Mechanic

Q: What causes a loud and sometimes a pulsating sound when I brake? It is an intermittent happening, but it has happened to me twice. I took it to the dealer and they found nothing wrong with the brakes. I know there is. How can I sound intelligent about this when I take it back? Thank you.

- Mary

A: Mary, I would need to know a little more about the type of car you drive. How many miles on the car and does it have four wheel drive? Some vehicles with anti-lock brakes will activate on dry pavement when they are not supposed to because of bad wheel speed sensors or tone rings cracked on the axle shaft. Some have a problem with rust jacking of the wheel speed sensors and just needs to be cleaned. This will cause the brake pedal to pulsate or vibrate and is usually accompanied by a moaning sound from the abs pump. If this is not the correct symptom, then try to make a note of when it does this. Such as first thing in the morning, after driving several miles, wet or dry roads and whether it is hot or cold outside.

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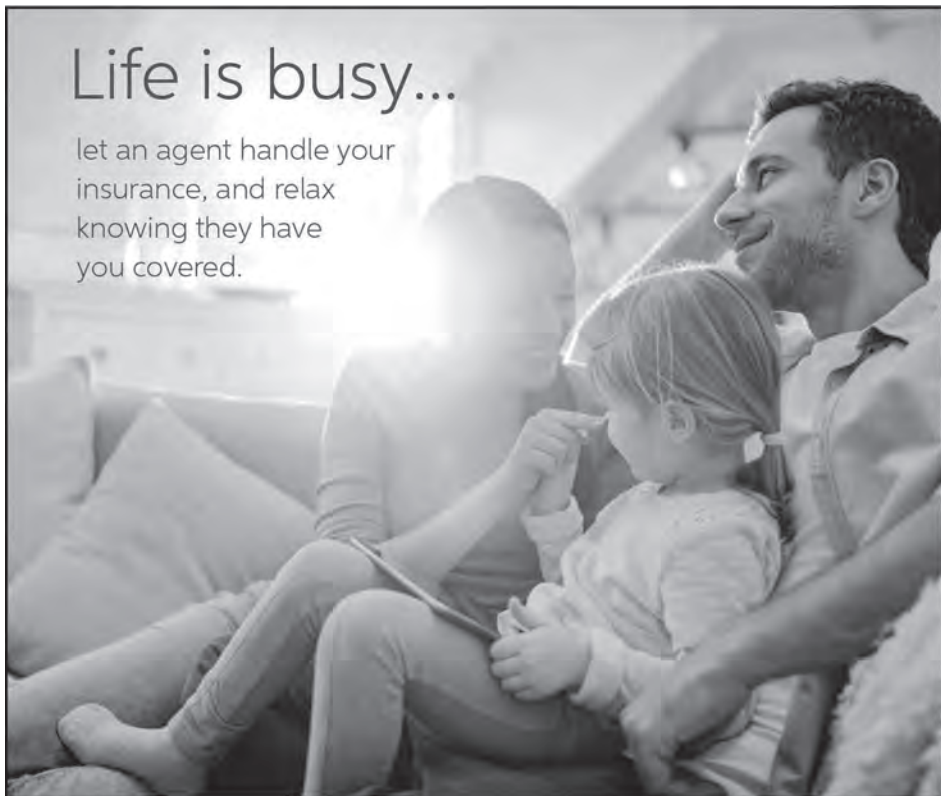
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■■■
IF YOU THINK only coney island restaurants are the only American food, you really ought to expand your horizons.

■■■
TO ALL CITIZENS concerned about the government's monitoring of your electronic communications, develop the habit of sending letters. Keeping the US Postal Service from becoming obsolete thwarts the government's ability for mass monitoring of communications. It takes an individual search warrant to open your personal mail.

■■■
IF YOU DON'T think the war in Korea is over, you better call Kim-Jong Un and tell him all about it. He seems to think it's still pretty active.

■■■
A BIG SHOUT out to the family who paid for our meal at Sagano on Friday, March 24. We will pay it forward.

■■■
EISENHOWER WARNED AMERICANS about the, 'vast military industrial complex.' Our military spending is more than the next 10 nations combined and now we are

talking about increasing spending. There is something terribly wrong

■■■
I WISH SOMEONE would paint something on the yellow part of the new bridge that faces the road on Silver Lake Road. It needs something.

■■■
MICHIGAN HAS NINE cities listed in the 100 most dangerous cities for the year 2017. Detroit, Flint, Saginaw, Jackson, Pontiac, Lansing, Kalamazoo (surprised me), Port Huron and Battle Creek. Based on 50 states, Michigan should have fewer than two listings.

■■■
THE THREE MOST violent cities in America are St. Louis, Detroit and Birmingham, Alabama. All are ruled by Democrats, as are the next seven most violent cities as well, meaning the 10 most violent cities in America are all ruled by Democrats. Seems like a pretty clear tutorial to me.

■■■
IF YOU CAN afford to build the strip mall, build it. The public has no say on what business can or can't be built. If you want to control that, buy the property.

■■■
JUST RECEIVED A robotic sounding scam IRS call that came from 844-840-3093.

■■■
IF YOU THINK Obama wiretapped Trump, why did the election turn out the way it did?

Quality Tax Service

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Dick Beauchamp, a local tax preparer and planner for 38 years, has moved into an office at 119 S. Bridge St. in Linden, near Linden United Methodist Church. "It's a new record every year," said Beauchamp. He may soon reach 700 tax clients for the 2017 tax season. His office is open for appointments during tax season by calling (810) 433-1915. He is also available year 'round for tax planning by appointment.

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PRESCRIPTION

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to ask their doctors for expensive, often marginal — and sometimes inappropriate — drugs that are fueling spiraling health care spending.

The American Medical Association took a hard-line position on these ads in 2015 by calling for a ban, saying “direct-to-consumer advertising also inflates demand for new and more expensive drugs, even when these drugs may not be appropriate.”

Such a prohibition is unlikely. Previous efforts to push such an outcome have stalled, generally on free-speech arguments by the powerful drug lobby and assertions that such ads provide valuable information to patients about treatment options.

To date, the United States and New Zealand are the only countries in the world that allow “direct to consumer” (DTC) advertising.

One thing is certain: DTC advertising is big. And, as nearly everyone who watches TV knows, it's getting bigger.

Some programs — the nightly news and sitcoms aimed at older Americans — get most of their advertising from drug makers. Commonly, the ads target a range of conditions that generally affect this

demographic, such as dry eyes, erectile dysfunction, pain and constipation.

Drug makers were on track to spend an estimated \$6.4 billion on DTC advertising in the U.S. last year, up 5 percent from 2015. In 2012, spending for pharmaceutical TV ads was the 12th-largest category. By last year, drug ads were sixth.

In short, the biggest drug pushers in America are sitting right in our living rooms.

Aside from the outrageous amount of money spent on these ads (which ultimately comes out of consumers' pockets), the lengthy list of negative symptoms that could occur by using the drug makes one forget about what the medicine was intended to combat in the first place.

Say you want to quit smoking and see the Chantix commercial on TV. It says, “Common side effects of Chantix include nausea that (may persist for several months), sleep disturbance, stomach pain, indigestion, constipation, gas, vomiting, headaches, weakness, tiredness, unusual dreams, sleep problems (insomnia), dry mouth, or unpleasant taste in your mouth.”

If you experience any of those symptoms you should stop taking Chantix and call your doctor immediately.

Another common claim is “(this drug) may cause moodiness, unusual thoughts and behaviors, and thoughts of suicide.”

In November of 2015, the American Medical Association began its quest to have a ban placed on direct-to-consumer advertising of prescription drugs and medical devices. So far, their efforts have been unsuccessful.

According to a February article in the Washington Post, the money some pharmaceutical companies spend each year in advertising is a third or more than what they spend on research and development.

Ad spending soared more than 60 percent in the last four years, hitting \$5.2 billion in 2015.

Nine prescription drugs are on pace to break \$100 million worth of TV ad time in 2016.

One-quarter of the industry's \$5.2 billion in spending last year went to advertise just five drugs: Humira, which treats a number of common conditions, includ-

ing arthritis; Lyrica, for nerve and muscle pain, including fibromyalgia; Eliquis, an anticoagulant that can reduce stroke risk in some patients; Cialis, the erectile dysfunction drug; and Xeljanz, for rheumatoid arthritis.

Critics are expressing concern that expenditures on advertising drive up the price of drugs. They're frustrated, too, when patients insist on getting the brand-name medication they've seen on TV, though other drugs might be more effective or less expensive, or both.

These TV advertisements encourage people to self-diagnose when they have certain symptoms, go into the doctor's office with a brand name product to treat it, and negate the entire reason for going to the doctor to begin with.

Still, the ads continue to dominate.

This week, it was reported that 60 percent of Americans are addicted to opioids, something The White House is taking very seriously. In fact, New Jersey Governor Chris Christie was there last week to brainstorm that very topic.

While many TV commercials for prescription drugs maintain they do not contain opioids, but if they're painkillers and they're addictive, what's the difference?

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Linden's Frederick headed to Eastern Michigan

By David Troppens
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Alia Frederick knew what she wanted to do for college for awhile. To be exact, she pretty much made her decision sometime in October 2015 when she verbally committed to play soccer at Eastern Michigan University.

But then something happened. After joining the Linden varsity girls cross country team, people were realizing Frederick

had talent for another sport — distance running. Suddenly, other schools like Michigan and Michigan State were opening their eyes to the Linden senior's abilities. Certainly there was some temptation to change her athletic plans.

"I was thinking about it," Frederick admitted. "Michigan and Michigan State — those are Big Ten schools. They are awesome and the coaches would talk to me about my potential and how I'm not really

trained yet."

But Frederick's love for soccer won out. That what she's passionately played for most of her life and also thrived on playing during that time.

"Cross country has its fun points, but straight up running can get really boring," Frederick said.

See FREDERICK on 23



Linden's Alia Frederick (left) will be continuing her soccer career as a Division I athlete at Eastern Michigan University in the fall.

Miller's our man on the top of our 2017 Boys Basketball Team

■ LF's senior star is best player in school history

By David Troppens
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Jake Erway isn't a loud person by any stretch of the imagination. He thinks being calm and collected prior to the start of a game is the best way to prepare for a varsity boys basketball contest.

But over the last four seasons, he's learned that maybe there's another way, the Jalen Miller way.

"Jalen has always been a loose player. He is pretty loud during warm-ups, in the locker room before the game, joking around and laughing," said Erway, Lake Fenton's varsity boys basketball coach. "He's totally the opposite that I like

things to be. To me that doesn't look like a team that is focused. But when I bring it up to them, he will always do the same thing. He puts his hand on my shoulders and calmly tells me, 'Coach, we're good.' And to his defense they brought it."

Miller and his teammates certainly did that over the last four years. During his Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball career, he has scored more points than anyone but Gary Bancroft. And as he's grown while in the program, so has the Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team. In fact, the program has created its two greatest seasons in school history

during Miller's final two seasons, capping his career just recently by leading the Blue Devils to their first-ever boys state quarterfinal contest ever.

See MAN on 23



JALEN MILLER
Miller led the Blue Devils to the deepest state tournament run in school history. He averaged 23.2 points and 8.2 rebounds a game.

ALL TRI-COUNTY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

Player of the Year Jalen Miller Class Senior • Team Lake Fenton Comment: Miller led the Blue Devils with a 23.2 points a game average. He also grabbed 8.2 rebounds, 3.4 steals and 3.0 assists a game, helping lead the Blue Devils to a Class B state quarterfinal game. Note: The players on the team and the Player of the Year were selected by the sports staff.	Rest of first team Austin Harless Isaac Golson Nick Wyrick Drew Miller Andrew Foerster Aaron Sarkon Luke Copley Garrett Strang	Grade School Senior Holly Senior Lake Fenton Senior Fenton Senior Fenton Senior Lake Fenton Senior Linden Senior Holly Junior Linden
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MAN

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So when it came to figuring out who our 2017 Tri-County Boys Basketball Player of the Year was going to be, it was a slam dunk. Miller is our run-away winner. Miller feels proud what he and his senior class were able to do while at Lake Fenton.

“At first when we got here Lake Fenton wasn’t a basketball school,” Miller said. “But now people who are not from the school know who I am from what we’ve done and the last couple of years. Teachers at the school come to the games more often, more people come to the games. The are proud of what they see.”

Miller’s maturation from freshman to senior

Always a strong player, anyone who has watched Miller play over the last four years has witnessed him transfer from a young and talented player who was still learning the ropes as a freshman to the unquestioned leader this season, nearly tripling his scoring output per a game over those four seasons.

Erway saw Miller a year prior to his entering Lake Fenton High School, while Miller was part of an undefeated eighth-grade squad.

“It was my first spring as the varsity boys basketball coach and I had him in for a couple of workouts,” Erway said. “I saw the potential that he had as a basketball player and liked his attitude of wanting to compete and win.”

Miller played on the varsity team as a freshman and, as one would expect, experienced

Miller’s Marks

Here’s a quick summary of Jalen Miller’s career at Lake Fenton.

Freshman season

- Averaged 8.3 points a game.

Sophomore season

- Averaged 11.2 points a game.

Junior season

- Averaged 13.9 points and 7.3 rebounds a game.

Senior season

- Averaged 23.2 points, 8.2 rebounds, 3.4 steals and 2.0 assists a game.

his ups and downs. But overall, it was a positive experience displaying his potential. He averaged a pretty respectable 8.3 points a game his freshman season, as the team finished with a 10-10 mark.

His sophomore season, Miller became more of a focus as did his graduation class and people started getting excited, seeing what the future may hold

for Miller and the team overall. Miller averaged 11.2 points a game, the squad finished 13-10 and the Blue Devils came close to winning a district title, losing a tough contest against Goodrich in the final.

A new stanard at Lake Fenton

Last season the Blue Devils broke new barriers with Miller helping lead the way. The Blue Devils were the best kept secret in the state of Michigan, posting a 17-3 regular season record. And once the tournament began, Miller and the Blue Devils raised their game another notch, winning the school’s first-ever Class B Boys Basketball District title and advancing all the way to the regional championship. Miller led the charge by averaging 13.9 points and 7.3 rebounds a contest.

As good as Miller was last season, he became nearly twice the player he was last year. He was Lake Fenton’s unquestionable leader mentally as well as production-wise. He ended up averaging 23.2 points, 8.2 rebounds, 3.4



Miller led the Blue Devils to 62 victories, which may be more wins than any player has experienced with the Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team.

steals and 3.0 assists a game, while shooting 55 percent from the field. And he did this all the while people were focusing on stopping him.

And, of course, the team flourished once again. A tougher regular season schedule meant earning a few more losses early on.

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FREDERICK

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“It’s mentally draining. ... With soccer I love the game. I love the team aspect of it and it keeps me in shape. My favorite part is with my position I get to run up and down the field and not think about it as running. It’s physically demanding and I have to be agile. I enjoy it.”

The Linden midfielder is among the best players within the tri-county area’s abundance of outstanding players, earning Division 2 Honorable Mention status as a junior. She’s earned the eye of many college soccer coaches for years, but Eastern Michigan was where she decided to continue her career.

“I liked the benefits of being an athlete (at Eastern Michigan), that was one of the main things,” Frederick said. “Also, I am not too far from home and I liked the team.”

It’s expected Frederick will begin her career at outside back at Eastern.

Among the perks there’s air-conditioning in the athletes’ housing complex and a special weight room used exclusively by Eastern Michigan’s athletes.

“Alia is quite an athlete,” Eastern Michigan University women’s soccer coach Scott Hall said in a press release in Feburary. “She is a wing defender who can fly from end line to end line defending and attacking. We look forward to her competing for a starting spot on the back line.”

Hall has been at Eastern Michigan for 19 seasons. The squad posted a 6-10-4 record overall last year and



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPEMS

Linden’s Alia Frederick (left) battles for a ball in a past contest. Frederick will continue her soccer career at the Division 1 level when she heads to Eastern Michigan University in the fall.

finished 4-5-2 in the Mid-American Conference (MAC) West Division. However, as recent as 2014 the Eagles won the MAC’s West Division title.

Frederick thinks she’s mentally mature enough to play D1 soccer right now.

“I think I’ve really matured and know how to prepare and practice seriously,” Frederick said.

“Obviously, I have a ton of fun playing soccer, but I need to mentally be there. In college you get broken down and may not start or may not play for a week or two, but this past year I have matured and know how hard you need to try so that you’ll mentally be there and be in it.”



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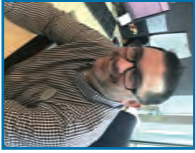
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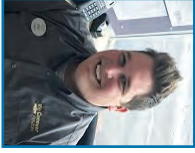
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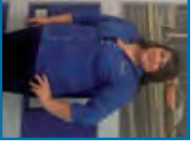
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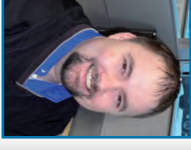
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Stk# 180055 **\$15,300**

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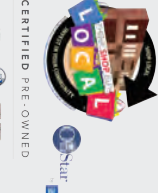
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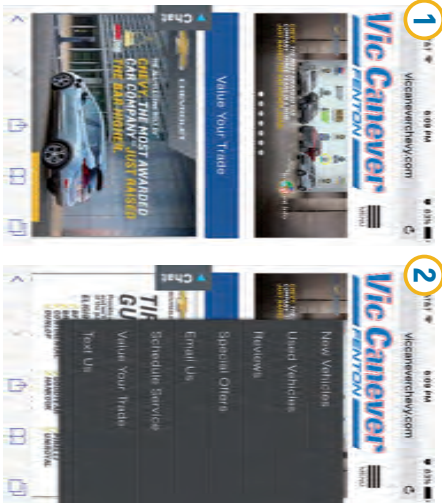


SALES HOURS
Mon & Thurs: 8:30am - 8:00pm
Tues: 8:30am - 8:00pm
Wed & Fri: 8:30am - 6:00pm
Saturday: 10:00am - 4:00pm
Sunday: CLOSED

SERVICE HOURS
Monday: 7:00am - 8:00pm
Tues - Fri: 7:00am - 6:00pm
Saturday: 8:00am - 2:00pm
Sunday: CLOSED

Schedule service right from your phone

1. Just go to Canever.com
2. Click the menu in the top right and then "Schedule Service"



“Matt in Body Shop worked with me to get my side view mirror painted and installed promptly and at a very good cost. He was very easy to work with and scheduled an appointment around my needs. Great job, and much appreciated.” — Jeff A. of Fenton

SERVICE COUPON

FREE

TIRE ROTATION AND BRAKE INSPECTION

\$15 value. With oil change only.

Please present at write up. Expires 4-22-17. FPTCT

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BONUS COUPON

\$10 OFF

ANY MAINTENANCE SERVICE
INCLUDES FLUID SERVICES, TUNE-UPS, ALIGNMENTS, BRAKES, FUEL SYSTEM SERVICES, 4X4 SERVICES AND MORE
Excludes oil changes
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