Detroit Tigers home opener this Friday!

Just as Michiganders have done since 1901, Detroit Tiger fans jammed last season’s home opener to what became a full capacity crowd. The Tigers’ home opener at Comerica Park is Friday against the Boston Red Sox.

Batter Up!

Tigers’ home opener is biggest unofficial holiday of the season

By David Troppens
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Matt Wilson knows what it is like to be married to a Detroit Tigers’ fanatic. The ex-Holly High School teacher and varsity boys and girls golf coach is married to one.

Spouse Pam Wilson has a bedroom dedicated to her love for the Detroit Tigers. It includes everything from Tom Brookens’ broken bats (her favorite Tiger of all time) to many bobblehead dolls to even a special ceiling fan.

So it’s a given, when the Tigers play their home opener on Friday against the Boston Red Sox at 1:10 p.m. at Comerica Park in front of 40,000-plus fans, Wilson will bethere, and will be there plenty of hours early. She’s been attending the home opener every year since 2005.

“It’s just the atmosphere and there are so many people,” Wilson said. “We leave at 7 in the morning and it’s like a big party.

Davisburg man jailed after returning daughter

Faces multiple charges including assault, burglary and domestic violence

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A 3-year-old Holly Township girl who was reported missing Monday, April 3, was reunited with her mother early Tuesday morning. The child’s father was arrested and is facing multiple charges. Brent Alan Owings, 26, of Davisburg is lodged in the Oakland County Jail after he turned himself in to authorities.

Lot prices at Oakwood Cemetery could go up

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I have had several village residents complain to me about this over the years and I, too, have had to pay these charges since my law office is in the village.

Dale Smith
Attorney

Holly water and sewer users could see refund of $500

Class action lawsuit attorneys say water and sewer capital charges are an unauthorized tax

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If a village of Holly woman prevails in a class action lawsuit, she and a whole lot of other households in the village are going to be entitled to a refund of about $500 if they have paid water and sewer capital charges for 12 months.

On March 8, Heidi Marie Gumbleton filed a class action lawsuit in the Oakland County Circuit Court. Her suit claims that the defendant, which is the village of Holly never officially authorized by resolution, ordinance amendment or otherwise, a fee that she and every other user of the village of Holly water and sewer services are required to pay called a “water capital charge” and a
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Fear the ‘creepy lizard’

Grassroots organization seeks to end gerrymandering with 2018 Michigan ballot

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Fenton — Grassroots or organization Voters Not Politicians has a problem with the way congressional voter districts are drawn.

“Right now, it’s entirely controlled by state legislature,” said Marketing Operations Manager Jordan Smellie. “They’re the only ones that get any input, and they’re the only ones that benefit from the lines that they draw.”

This was the crux of the town hall meeting held at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center on Wednesday, March 29.

More than 100 attended the town hall, which was run by Voters Not Politicians. The organization spent the month of March holding 37 meetings across the state to educate the public on redistricting, and most importantly, gerrymandering.

The format for the meeting was simple. First, teach what gerrymandering is. Second, talk about how it’s being used for in the U.S., and then finally have a policy discussion to talk about what other states have done.

While Michigan allows congress to draw its own lines, there are several states such as California, Arizona, Iowa, Montana, Washington, Idaho and Alaska, which have independent commissions to choose their districts.

Audience members were urged to provide email addresses so they can answer survey questions.

The goal is to take all this feedback, and draft a question for the 2018 ballot to change the way Michigan changes its districts every 10 years.

Canvassing director Jamie L. yons-Eddy led the PowerPoint presentation, which was funny and clever in its delivery, and kept the crowd engaged.

The presentation began with the question, “Can an a creepy lizard really eat democracy?” The creepy lizard is of course the “gerrymander,” the 1812 political illustration for the first time this technique was used.

The new district loosely resembled a salamander to a local newspaper, which added wings, talons and teeth to the shape of the new district. The governor at the time was Elbridge Gerry, who signed off on the district. “Gerrymander” is a combination of his name and salamander.

After the education portions of the meeting, came the policy discussion.

“The policy discussion at the Fenton town hall was lively and interesting, with many thought-ful and informed comments and questions from an enthusiastic crowd,” said Lyons-Eddy, via email following the event.

Attorney Anne Linder of Tyrone Township said that the presentation helped her understand that this technique has been used by both Republicans and Democrats to entrench themselves in power in different places.

“I was particularly shocked to learn how much gerrymandering of districts has reduced our elected representatives’ responsiveness to our concerns,” she said.

For more information, go to votersnotpoliticians.com.

THE KING

Elvis Presley had a unique sound and style

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Over the past 50 years, music has gone from doo-woppers with nifty glasses and suits, to the artists of today having almost complete freedom of expression. The message of music has changed significantly over the years. For early rock being based almost entirely upon love songs and the heartbeat that follows their demise, to the anti-war ballads of the ‘60s, to the glorified excess that was the ‘80s, the reasons why people turn to music hasn’t changed, though the story of the tune has.

Music gives us something to feel, something to believe in, and that will probably never change. The styles may be different, the fads that come and go, but good music is eternal and that is why it is considered the universal language.

The following is the first in a series about 50 years of music history. And what better place to start than with the legendary Elvis Presley.

In April of 1957, anyone with a radio was listening to Elvis Presley and his hit, “All Shook Up.” A couple of months later it was “(Let me be your) Teddy Bear” from the “Loving You” album. Another favorite “Jailhouse Rock” came out later that year, as did “Treat Me Nice.” Those were only a few of Elvis’ many number one hits.

Other popular artists of the day were Pat Boone, Tab Hunter, Perry Como and Andy Williams to name a few. Those popular “crooners” could not quite keep up with all the shakin’ goin’ on when Elvis performed, however, and he soon became known as the king of rock and roll, and later simply “The King.”

Elvis’ life story began when Elvis Aaron Presley was born in Tupelo, Mississippi, on January 8, 1935. After his parents died, he was raised in Memphis, Tennessee.

In 1954, Elvis moved to Nashville and signed a recording contract with Sun Records in 1955. His first single, “Heartbreak Hotel,” topped the Billboard charts.

His breakthrough came in 1956 with his first album, “Elvis Presley.” The album included hits like “Blue Suede Shoes” and “Hound Dog.”

Elvis’ music career continued to grow, and he became a cultural icon. He starred in films and released hit singles, including “Are You Lonesome Tonight?” and “Don’t Be Cruel.”

Elvis was known for his distinctive voice and his dynamic stage presence. He was a pioneer in the rock and roll genre and his impact on popular music cannot be overstated.

Elvis’ legacy lives on in rock and roll history. His influence can be seen in the music of countless artists who followed him, and his music continues to resonate with fans around the world.

The King lives on in rock and roll history.
They won the World Series. and nobody has done it since.

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Compiled by Tim Jagielo, media editor

Q: How can laws that are the same for every citizen be racist? Liberals say that everything, from the court system to education, is racist. They say voting laws that apply equally to all are somehow discriminatory. If all laws are applied equally to all citizens, how can the system possibly be racist or unfair?

Q: How can laws that are advantageous to only one group of people not be discriminatory and racist? Affirmative Action set quotas only for minorities in hiring and college admissions. Obama’s ‘My Brother’s Keeper’ program gives funds and opportunities only to people of color. There are literally hundreds of liberal programs available exclusively to minorities. Do not disadvantaged white people deserve the same help?

Q: How does disarming the citizenry protect their freedom? The first 10 amendments of the U.S. Constitution are known as the Bill Of Rights. These rights were laid down by our founding fathers because they knew from experience that each one of the 10 was critical to a free society. The most critical, the second amendment, guarantees our right to keep and bear arms. It was created by our founding fathers for the sole purpose of ensuring that the citizenry could protect the other nine amendments.

Q: How will disarming law-abiding Americans make them safer? Every liberal-backed gun control law places arbitrary restrictions on the law-abiding citizens. These laws don’t apply to criminals because criminals don’t follow laws — they break them.

If someone is going to commit a murder or assault do you really think they give a #!@ if their weapon of choice is compliant with local ordinances? Only liberals would propose a law that puts the law-abiding citizens at the mercy of the armed criminals.

Q: How can it be legal, logical and humane to murder one million innocent unborn children each year, but illegal, illogical and humane to execute adults convicted of premeditated murder? Why would we show mercy to thugs who murder their fellow citizens for monetary gain, while at the same time murder millions of defenseless, but inconvenient, babies? An abortion is murder for the sake of convenience — period.

Q: What sense does it make to do the same thing over and over and expect a different result? Without exception, every study ever done comes to the same conclusion with regard to welfare. The social safety net, which includes food stamps, Medicaid, and a smorgasbord of other ‘entitlements,’ does not in any way help anyone individual out of poverty. Quite the opposite effect actually, creating generation after generation of people that are completely dependent on government welfare that is funded by excessive taxation of the citizens who do work. Give them a job — and dignity — not a check.

Q: How will disarming law-abiding citizens make them safer? Everyone blind or is it simply beneath our level to think? LITTER — IT’S EVERYWHERE. Is anyone blind? How many are so blinded to reality that they cannot see how their behavior impacts the rest of us? The Grand River has the most amount of litter. Fix the problem with the people responsible for it.

Thank you to the workers at the Tri-County Times for their dedication to improving the community. Enjoy the weather this weekend.

For more information on our paper, please visit www.tctimes.com.

FOSTER CHILDS

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Stocks for kids can help build solid financial future

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If the idea of helping your child or grandchild become a millionaire before they reach the age of retirement sounds appealing, it can be done.

Children can buy and sell stocks online in the same way as adults can. They can use E*TRADE, Charles Schwab Online, or many other companies offering online trading.

The only catch — for children under 18, the account must be set up as a custodial account, and unlike regular accounts, custodial accounts generally can’t be opened online. Instead, you must request an account form (which you can do online) and then submit it by mail.

Custodial accounts are supposed to be managed by a guardian, or the parent. Customer agreements state that only an account holder of legal age will trade online. As a practical matter, however, once the order execution account is in place, there’s no real mechanism to prevent the kids from doing their own trading.

“A broker talking to an investor won’t take an order from a minor, but the computer doesn’t know the age of the person who inputs the information,” said one parent.

It remains to be seen whether the industry will put any controls in place to prevent direct trading by minors. For example, if a child’s custodial account agent asks for a date of birth online, the system would deny the request.

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A problem many parents fail to recognize is that custodial accounts have significant legal and tax implications. Here from marketing colleagues:

1. That money isn’t yours anymore

When funds are transferred into a minor child’s custodial account at a financial institution or brokerage firm, the funds now irrevocably belong to that child. While the parent can, and usually does, function as the custodian (manager) of the account, the money can legally be used only for expenditures that benefit the child.

2. Your kid will gain control at a young age

A minor child’s custodial account must be established under the state’s Uniform Gifts to Minors Act (UGMA) or Uniform Trust Act (UTMA). In most situations, a transfer of custodial property must occur when the minor turns 18. However the UTMA states that a transfer may delay the termination date past 18 under certain conditions, but not later than the minor’s 21st birthday.

Under applicable state law, your child will gain full legal control over the account once he or she ceases to be a minor.

3. Your child may have to file tax returns and pay taxes

Any income from your child’s custodial account belongs to the child. If that income exceeds a certain amount, a separate federal income tax return generally must be filed for the child using Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ.

The child will probably owe some tax, and the Kiddie Tax rules may make it higher. A state income tax return may be required too.

4. The Kiddie Tax could bite

It would be terrific if children with substantial custodial accounts were allowed to pay the same tax rates on investment income as other unmarried individuals.

If that was allowed to happen, a child’s ordinary income ($1,050 for 2016) would typically be taxed at a federal rate of only 10 or 15 percent, and a 0-percent rate would apply to long-term capital gains and dividends.

However, Congress created the so-called Kiddie Tax to prevent such happy outcomes. Under the Kiddie Tax rules, a minor child’s investment income above $2,100 (for 2016) may be taxed at the parent’s higher rates. So the federal rate on a child’s interest income could be as high as 39.6 percent, and long-term gains and dividends could be taxed at up to 20 percent.

The Kiddie ‘Tax is calculated on IRS Form 8615 (Tax for Certain Children Who Have Investment Income of More Than $2,100) or on the aforementioned Form 8814 (when allowed).

5. There might be gift tax consequences

For 2016 and 2017, you can take advantage of the annual federal gift tax exclusion to move up to $14,000 into a custodial account for each of your children. So can your spouse. You can do the same thing next year, and the year after that, and so on. Gifts up to the $14,000 annual limit don’t reduce your lifetime $5.25 million federal gift tax exemption. If you transfer more than $14,000, you must file a gift tax return on IRS Form 709 (United States Gift and Generation-Skipping Trust Tax Return). You probably won’t actually owe any gift tax (thanks to the $5.25 million exemption), but you still have to file the form.

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block party. We just go all over to see all of the different booths. . . . Every game we get down there two hours early and enjoy everything that is going on.”

Indeed, if you’re a Chi-cagoan, opening day at Comerica Park (prior to Comerica Park at Tiger Stadium) is one of the state’s biggest unofficial holidays every year. Even if the game isn’t truly the Tigers’ first game of the season — it wasn’t this year as the season began in Chicago on Tuesday afternoon — it symbolizes the start of Detroit’s season.

With it, brings hope and excitement for the new season. It also represents the symbolic end of winter and the start of spring, even if the weather doesn’t always cooperate. Remember, the Tigers’ actual season-opening game at Chicago was rained out.

As of press time on Tuesday, it looks like Friday’s game will be played but not under the most ideal of circumstances. The forecast is for clouds and wind with a 20 percent chance of rain.

The expected high is 47 degrees. However, people like W ilson are life-long Tigers fans, and will be there regardless what the weather is like.

“My dad played baseball when he was in school and was really good,” Wilson said. “He’d put me and my sister in the backyard and hit balls to us. Just loved baseball. I’d sit at night and listen on the headphones.”

Holly resident Dale Smith is a season-ticket holder and went to his first opening day game in 1972, the year the Tigers won the American League East by one-half game ahead of the Boston Red Sox.

Forty-five years later, he’s making what is only his second trip to opening day on Friday.

“I’m going with a friend,” Smith said. “Normally I don’t go to the opener be- cause it’s more of a circus than it is about the ball game. I know some people going down there just to party, but I’ll be there to watch the game.”

Smith has been fortunate to be able to go to two W orld Series games in his life. However the first, he’d rather forget.

It was the 1968 W orld Series game 4 10-1 loss to the St. Louis Cardinals. The weather was poor that day as well. Of course, the Tigers were able to rebound from that loss and win the next three games, eventually capturing the 1968 World Series championship.

“If I sent in for tickets, Amillion people sent in for tickets and I got lucky” Smith said. “I was only 14 years old and had to beg my brother to go there.”

Opening day’s pull is so strong, it attracts people who have moved from the state. Ex-Linden resident Brent Lange moved from the tri-county area about five years ago, and now lives in Cincinnat i Reds’ territory in Ohio. However, he’s making the trek back to Comerica Park to enjoy Friday’s game. He’s gone to Comerica Park in the past to enjoy the festivities, but this marks the first time he’s actually attending the game.

“It’s a festive time and it seems people are more into it, are ready for the season and have a lot of anticipation for a good year,” Lange said. “In the past I’ve en- joyed the celebration and then went to a local bar to watch the game. But this year being able to go to it will make it that much more special. It will be really neat.”

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The law on recalls

Holding an elected public office is a grave responsibility filled with many challenges, duties and hopefully achievements.

For those who have won their elections to these offices, I don’t have to remind them that the pre-election period is called a ‘campaign.’ Campaigns can be very difficult. Indeed one dictionary definition of the word describes it as a type of military operation. Whether this definition fits all political campaigns is subject to debate, but after a winner is decided they have the right to serve out their terms with certain exceptions.

One of the exceptions is what is known as a recall. This is a procedure, which allows citizens to remove a public official before their term expires.

All states have recall laws. According to the National Conference of State Legislators, Michigan is one of 19 states, which allows for the recall of state officials and one of at least 29 states, which allows local officials to be recalled.

Eight states allow recalls based only on specific grounds. The procedures in each state vary, normally starting with a recall petition. Michigan’s recall statute was amended in 2012 to limit the reasons in the recall petition to those based upon the office holder’s conduct during his or her current term of office. Additionally, there is a six-month or one-year period from the start of the term before a recall petition can be filed depending on the length of the term.

Before a recall petition can be circulated, either the State Board of Canvassers (for state officials) or the Board of County Election Commissioners (for local officials) must deny a hearing and determine if each reason for the recall is factual and of sufficient clarity. If the petition is approved, it is valid for 180 days. During this period, circulators must obtain signatures from registered and qualified voters equal to not less than 25 percent of the votes for governor in the preceding election in the affected electoral district and then file the petition.

Very importantly, signatures older than 60 days from the date of filing are invalid. If the petition is deemed sufficient a recall election is held and there is an up or down vote.
Carter becoming a Bronco next fall

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Sometimes Logan Carter probably feels like she suffers from a split personality when it comes to softball.

Sure, she’s still a senior at Fenton High School and should be one of the Tigers’ most potent bats on the softball field this spring, but no one can blame her if she sometimes feels like a Bronco as well.

“I made my decision to play at Western Michigan University so long ago, I’ve gotten used to it,” Carter said. “I’ve gotten comfortable and I’ve been on campus a lot, played one entertaining chapter and played out this spring.

The two area rivals battled to a tight contest that looked ready to end in a scoreless draw. However, the Tigers got a goal from Sophie Crews with two minutes left, earning Fenton the 1-0 non-league victory.

If anything it looked like Linden was poised to break the scoreless draw most of the contest, out shooting Fenton 9-2. However, Fenton’s Notre Dame College-bound keeper Abby Quesnelle held strong between the pipes, earning her the clean sheet victory.

Also aiding her was defensive player Mar garet Berry. Crews’ goal was assisted by Erin Conroy.

The win was the Tigers’ (1-2) of the season. They lost a 2-0 contest to Detroit Country Day and a 1-0 verdict against Swartz Creek earlier in the season. The contest was Linden’s first game of the season. This game did not count toward the Flint Metro League season.

So-so winter makes Elite 8 poll a challenge

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The 2016-17 winter sports season ended with a big bang.

There were historical moments and long postseason tournament runs. However, overall, it would be hard to consider this one of the best athletic seasons we’ve ever had in the tri-county area.

In fact, it was reasonably mediocre. Once we get beyond the elite performances, there wasn’t great depth. This means it’s going to be tough to rank squads in our 2016-17 Tri-County Elite Eight Winter Poll. However, it’s time to give it a shot.

In today’s edition we’ll present the bottom half of the poll.

No. 8 – Holly/Oxford boys ski: The Holly/Oxford co-op ski team had an outstanding season. The squad won the divisional and finished second in regionals, qualifying for the state meet. Those are the team’s highlights. However, once at the state meet, the squad placed ninth out of nine teams. The team would still be rated higher than this if not for one other reason — it’s a co-op involving a school outside the tri-county area.

No. 7 – Linden wrestling: The Eagles struggled through most of the season due to injuries and illness. However, once Linden hit the postseason, the Eagles displayed the type of team they could’ve been if they were healthier earlier.

Linden captured a team district title, beating Fenton and Holly in the process. Linden eventually advanced to the regional final, finishing their season with a 14-16 overall mark. Patrick Kerr and Dawson Blank also qualified for the state meet with both placing.

No. 6 – Lake Fenton competitive cheer: The Blue Devils started the GAC season with a third-place finish at the first conference jamboree, but rebounded nicely by taking first at the GAC championships meet with a total team score of 632.001, about 45 points better than the district title and ended up becoming our No. 7 squad on our Tri-County Elite Eight Winter Poll.

(Above) The Linden wrestling team captured a team district title and ended up becoming our No. 7 squad on our Tri-County Elite Eight Winter Poll. (Left) The Fenton/Linden girls ski team, led by Zoe Weinberg, placed fifth in the state meet.

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See CARTER on 9
Fenton baseball sweeps Bobcats

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

The Fenton varsity baseball team had about as good a start to the season one could imagine possible.

The Tigers swept a doubleheader against Grand Blanc by scores of 10-0 and 10-1.

In the opening contest, Fenton scored five runs in the first inning and cruised to the win. Fenton col-lected six hits and 11 walks. Chase Coselman and Brock Henson had doubles while Nolan Lawrence had three walks. Henson, Lawrence, Chase Coselman and Brandon Weaver scored two runs each while Coselman and David Pietyra had two RBI.

On the mound, Troy Smigielski tossed four innings of one-hit ball while striking out two batters en route to the win. Blake Garrison struck out two batters in the final two innings.

In the nightcap Fenton had 10 hits, led by Henson’s 3-for-4 effort which included a double and three RBI. Garrison had two hits. On the mound, Brandon W eaver went the distance, tossing four innings of three-hit, one-walk ball. He struck out three batters.

Fenton returns to action on Monday in a doubleheader against Co -runna.

CARTER

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The Fenton varsity softball team never had about as good a start to the season as last year’s team. In 2016, the varsity team went 34 - 6 and won a state championship. This year, the team is 13-7 and currently holds the top spot in the Tri -County Softball district. Leitke and her team have been winning consistently since Leitke took over at the helm in 2001. Her best season came in 2006 when the Broncos went 34-14 and won the MAC regular season and MAC tournament championships.

“Logan is a confident player that keeps growing her game,” Carter said. “We are excited about seeing that in our program as well.”

W estern Michigan University softball coach Katy Leitke said in a press release. “She has been a consistent force in the box and behind the plate. She has been a key part of her high school and travel teams that will continue to push her to higher performance standards. Logan prides herself on doing things well, and seems to keep up her game at each level.”

Initially, W estern had competition from Central Michigan University and Grand Valley State University.

“When I visited, talked to the coaches and talked to the team, I looked over all of the details and W estern was the right fit for me,” Carter said.

Western is a Division 1 school in the Mid-American Conference. Currently, the squad is 13-17 overal and hold just a 1-5 MAC record. The squad has been about a .500 team ever since Leitke took over at the helm in 2001. Her best season came in 2006 when the Broncos went 34-14 and won the MAC regular season and MAC tournament championships.

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HOLLY WATER
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“sewer capital charge.”
Gumbleton’s suit further states that at all times she has received and paid for water and sewer services from the village of Holly, the water capital charge has varied but it presently $17.93 per month, and that the sewer capital charge has varied but is presently $24.75 per month.
Her suit claims that these charges are mandatory and failure to pay them will cause the village of Holly to disconnect her water and sewer service.

The suit claims that the water and sewer capital charges are really a tax that has not been authorized by a vote of the citizens of the village of Holly in violation of Article 9, Section 31 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, commonly known as the Headlee Amendment.

According to Gumbleton’s attorney, Dale Smith, who is representing her in this case, she is named Peter Michael Deahl, sometime in 2007 or 2008, the village instituted water and sewer capital charges and started billing all users for water and sewer system for these charges about that same time.

Presently, these users are billed at $42.68 per month, Smith said.

“Despite examining the village ordinances online, neither my co-counsel nor I have been able to find any authority for these charges via ordinance amendment, resolution or otherwise.

“Under the Bolt case (Bolt v. city of Lansing), there are three criteria used to determine whether these charges are really fees and not a tax,” he added.

“The first criterion is that a user fee must serve a regulatory purpose rather than a revenue-raising purpose. Second, the user fee must be proportionate to the necessary costs of the service. Third, the payment of the fee must be voluntary.

“Under the Headlee amendment, the citizens should have been allowed to vote on this since it really is a tax,” Smith added.

“I have had several village residents complain to me about this over the years and I, too, have had to pay these charges since my law office is in the village.

“When I was (Holly) township supervisor, I simply referred their complaints to village personnel. But since I am solely a private practice attorney again, I felt it was important to bring this issue to a head.

The village has retained Miller Canfield to defend this action and they are, at this point (based upon the answer filed) denying any liability said Smith. “However my co-counsel and I have reason to believe that these ‘charges’ are not only not a fee but a tax and that the monies received from these charges have been applied to payment of costs other than anything related to the providing of water and sewer services.

“Ms. Gumbleton lives in the village and pays for these charges. This has been filed a class action so I can make sure that everyone entitled to a refund will get one,” said Smith.

Under the statute, refunds may only be paid for the one year preceding the filing of this court action.

The next steps will involve sending discovery to defend - dant’s counsel in an attempt to clarify the village’s position on this. “I will also soon be filing a motion to certify the class which would then allow me to give notice to all of the users that they may be entitled to a refund,” he said.

“These types of suits are pretty common right now, several communities in Oakland County have been or are going through them,” said Holly Village Manager Jerry Walker.

“The ironic thing is the two attorneys that filed the case, Peter Deahl and Dale Smith on behalf of Ms. Gumbleton, are all water customers and are in essence suing themselves,” Walker added. “In the end the case will be litigated, be costly to the residents and we feel the costs assessed are in line with costs to operate the system. It truly is an unfortunate situation.”

MAN JAILED
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3:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 4.

On April 2, at approximately 4 a.m., Michigan State Police Metro North troopers assigned to the Groveland Detachment received information regarding a missing 3-year-old girl from Holly T. owship.

Investigators had reason to believe that the toddler was with her father, Owings, and met with troopers at Holly Police Department where he arrived with his mother.

Owings contacted the MSP’s dispatch center and told them that his 3-year-old daughter had been returned to the child’s grandfather’s house in Clarkson.

Troopers arrived at the Clarkson address and could see that the child was unharmed. Shortly after troopers arrived, the child’s mother arrived at the home and was reunited with her child.

Owings agreed to turn himself in. He met with troopers at Holly Police Department where he arrived with his mother and was taken into custody without incident. He is lodged at the Oakland County Jail pending his arraignment.

Owings was sought for questioning regarding an assault that was reported in Holly T. owship. He is charged with a three-count arrest warrant, which included the charge of burglary of a dwelling, assault by strangulation, and domestic violence third offense.

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“Perpetual Care Fund.”

Currently, according to Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Dan Czarnecki, 20 percent of the revenue received from cemetery lot sales goes into the Perpetual Care Fund. The interest earned on the fund is to be used toward the maintenance of the cemetery. At its current rate of $450 per lot, $90 goes into the fund from each sale.

“There is about $164,000 in the fund at this time,” said Czarnecki. “This work is contracted out to TNT Outdoor Services for the curtailment. “This work is contracted out to TNT Outdoor Services for the current year.”

The Oakwood Cemetery Board has been discussing options to bring the fund to a level that would sustain the maintenance of the cemetery into the future.

“At this time, the maintenance costs for mowing, raking of leaves, trimming bushes and tree limbs, filling of settled areas and general routine maintenance is $31,200,” said Czarnecki. “This work is contracted out to TNT Outdoor Services for the current year.”

At the current rate of sales, it is estimated the cemetery would be full in about 30 years, at which time there would be no additional money being placed into the fund due to lot sales.

The Oakwood Cemetery Board proposed to the Fenton City Council raising the cost to $500 and also to start imposing a Perpetual Care Fund fee of $100 per lot, for a total of $600.

“This would raise the amount going into the fund to $200 for every lot sale,” said Czarnecki. “The proposed rate structure would bring in $280,000 to the Perpetual Care Fund by the time all the lots are sold.”

Czarnecki said Fenton Cemetery Service, the agent for selling lots, earns 20 percent from every lot sale. Currently they are earning $90 to cover the cost of their service to sell the lots to customers.

“Raising the rate to $500 will bring their earnings to $100 per lot sale,” he said. “Setting up a Perpetual Care Fund fee will help maximize the dollar amount going into the fund.”

With the proposed lot sales rate and fund fee, at the time the cemetery is full there should be at least $444,000 in the fund to earn interest.

“If the fund can earn at least 7.1 percent interest, there should be enough gained through interest to cover the current cost of maintenance at Oakwood Cemetery in the future, at the current maintenance costs,” he said.

Increasing the number of lots at Oakwood Cemetery would help to increase the Perpetual Care Fund, however there is not much land available. The additional of columbariums for cremation sales may be discussed at a future date.

‘THE KING’
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Presley was born to Vernon and Gladys Presley in a two-room house in Tupelo, Mississippi, on Jan. 8, 1935, according to elvis.com. His twin brother, Jesse Garon, was stillborn, leaving Elvis to grow up as an only child. He and his parents moved to Memphis, Tennessee, in 1948, and Elvis graduated from Humes High School there in 1953.

Elvis’ musical influences were the pop and country music of the time, the gospel music he heard in church and at the all-night gospel sings he frequently attended, and the black R&B he absorbed on historic Beale Street in Memphis. teenager.

In 1954, Elvis began his singing career with the legendary Sun Records label in Memphis. In late 1955, his recording contract was sold to RCA Victor. By 1956, he was an international sensation. With a sound and style that uniquely combined his diverse musical influences and blurred and challenged the social and racial barriers of the time, he ushered in a whole new era of American music and popular culture.

He starred in 33 successful films, made history with his television appearances and specials, and knew great acclaim through his many, of-ten record-breaking, live concert performances on tour and in Las Vegas. Globally, he has sold over one billion records, more than any other artist.

His American sales have earned him gold, platinum or multi-platinum awards. Without any of the special privileges, his celebrity status might have afforded him, he honorably served his country in the U.S. Army.

His talent, good looks, sensuality, charisma, and good humor endeared him to millions, as did the humility and human kindness he demonstrated throughout his life. Known the world over by his first name, he is regarded as one of the most important figures of 20th century popular culture. Elvis died at his Memphis home, Graceland, on Aug. 16, 1977.

Sun Records on CMT

Starting on Feb. 23, a chapter of rock and roll history featuring Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash and others started playing on primetime television. CMT’s (Country Music Channel) new limited-run series “Sun Records” airs Thursdays at 9 p.m. Spectrum (Charter) customers locally can find it on channel 40.

The eight-part series follows Chad Michael Murray as Sun Records founder Sam Phillips and a group of future music legends who famously crossed paths in Memphis. (Sources: pittanemagazine.com, elvis.com)

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**Rosemary Phillips 1938-2017**
Rosemary Phillips - age 79 of Fenton, went to be with the Lord, surrounded by her family at home on April 2, 2017. In addition to Gene, her beloved husband of nearly 60 years, Rosemary is survived by her daughters, Kathy (Fred) Miller, Donna Phillips; her son, David (Kim) Phillips; grandchildren, Steven Housch, Scott (Sherry) Ruggles, Angela (Thomas) Norris, Courtney (Ted) Palen, Lauren and David Phillips II; great-grandchildren, Logan and Layney; brother, Helmut (Joan) Linden and sister-in-law, Marian (the late Wilford) Linden. Mass of the Resurrection at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 11 AM with gathering to begin the hour prior at 10 AM. The Rev. Fr. Robert Copeland to officiate. Burial at St. John Catholic Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer’s Association - Greater Michigan Chapter.

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 horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Be careful about doing someone a favor when you don’t know the full story behind the request. Don’t rely on someone’s unsubstantiated assurances, insist on all the facts before you act.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) That workplace problem still needs your attention before you finally can close the book on it. Meanwhile, a long-anticipated reunion gets closer to becoming a happy reality.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might be demanding more from others than they can give. Best advice: Have a long and frank talk to determine what the facts are. Tensions should abate as the week winds down.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Aspects are favorable throughout this week for making contacts that could be important to your career plans. Meanwhile, an old friend offers the advice you’re seeking.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) It’s time to stop locking your wounds from past mistakes. Get up and get going toward your future. Loyal friends will be there to help the Lion get back into rip-roaring shape.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Take time out to go over what’s expected of you before you begin your new project. Otherwise, you run the risk of pushing yourself harder than you need to.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) An unusual request could put you in an awkward position. Best advice: Deal with it immediately. The longer you delay, the more difficult it will be to get out of it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You should feel recharged and ready for whatever your workaday world holds for you. The same positive energy spills over into your personal relationships.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A prospect might be less than it appears to be. Like the Archer in your sign, you always aim for the truth. And this is no time to settle for less than full disclosure.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) With tensions easing at the workplace, a more positive environment once again encourages the free flow of ideas so typical of the always-innovative Aquarian.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Show some of that usually hidden steel-strong Piscean backbone, and stand up for yourself if you hope to make a case for that promotion you know you deserve.

Aquarius

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Can I have some wine?

Knowing when the young TV star pretended he was a baby, Mom said...

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Why virtual bariatric surgery is better

This is the best long term weight loss option

Bariatric surgery seems like the perfect solution. And it might be, if it weren’t for the failure rate. Importantly, according to an NIH study, lap-band surgery only has a 65 percent success rate.

Side effects are the problem. According to Pharmacy Times, approximately 40 percent of bariatric patients develop “Dumping Syndrome.” During or immediately after a meal, patients report nausea, bloating, cramping, diarrhea, dizziness and then vomiting.

Other problems include fecal incontinence. More than a third develop gallstones. Alarming, according to the New York Times, one study calculated suicide rates for patients at five times more than normal.

Virtual Bariatric Surgery, is different. Clients go into hypnotic trance and have imaginary bariatric surgery. Once out of trance, they eat like they’ve had the surgery, but with zero side effects. And the cost is tiny by comparison to the real surgery. But insurance does not cover it. The great news is this: It has a 74 percent success rate.

Dr. Tomlinson, certified in the procedure, believes hypnosis allows clients to do more. Weight problems are psychological. As such, his eight-week program helps clients with the deep-seated issues that keep clients from losing weight.

Diets fail due to defiance. If we’re told we have to - we don’t want to. If told we can’t, we want it more. Tomlinson Medical Hypnotherapy does it differently: Biochemically, bodies make extra fat four ways. When clients stop, they can easily lose 1-2 pounds per week.

Trim Down Forever!
VIRTUAL Bariatric Surgery

Using revolutionary Virtual Gastric Surgery, our eight-week program helps you trim down and get mentally, physically and spiritually healthy so as to promote permanent weight reduction.

Diets only work on the outside. But all the scientific research shows that what goes on in your mind is far more determinate in your ultimate success than what you eat. Remember, it’s much easier to change your mind and have that change your body than to try and change your body and hope that it changes your mind.

This is the BEST long term weight loss program available!

Hypnotherapy is perfect for Stop Smoking, Anxiety, Sports and Business Performance and more.

The best way to stop smoking

The Surgeon General says 90 percent of smokers start between the ages of 12 and 19. They start for reasons of defiance.

Rigidly over-controlled teens get sick of being told what to do and take a stand. They do this by adopting one or more of six defiant behaviors they’re told never to do — smoking, drinking, drugs, sex, crime and overeating.

Medical professionals, as wonderful as they are, just don’t get it. Telling smokers to stop doing the very thing they started doing to prove no one can tell them what to do doesn’t work. The more they feel pressured, the more they’ll subconsciously dig in their heels.

According to published reports, going cold turkey has a 3.5 percent success rate, the patch/gum has a 7 percent success rate and Chantix has a 14 percent success rate. Nationally, four sessions of hypnosis has a 74 percent success rate.

Even better, Tomlinson Medical Hypnotherapy has a 90 percent success rate. Dr. Tomlinson is successful because he helps win the war in their head. The problem isn’t that you lack willpower — it’s because you’re way too stubborn. With hypnosis, smokers can win the war and save a significant amount of money in the process.

Bottom line — if you want to stop, you can. Einstein said, “The definition of insanity is doing the same thing the same way over and over and expecting a different result.” The old ways just don’t work. Hypnosis is not perfect, but it’s the best there is. Remember, the patch can’t help win the war in your head.

Become a Non-Smoker

90.0%*

*Stop Smoking Program Success Rate based on completion of the Tomlinson Hypnotherapy 4 week program.

Compare that to other smoking cessation methods: Cold turkey has a 3.5%, Gums & patches average a 7%, and Chantix a 14% success rate. Hypnosis is by far #1 for smoking cessation.

Our program consists of four weekly, two hour sessions. GET HEALTHIER & BECOME A NON-SMOKER TODAY!

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