Downtown Linden resurgence one step closer to reality

By Hannah Ball
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The revival of the old Union Block property in Linden, which was destroyed in a fire in 2007, is moving forward. The Linden Planning Commission approved preliminary site plans on Monday, April 3, for a two-story, mixed-use building proposed by Dr. Nicole Wax of Dr. Wax Orthodontics.

City Planner and Zoning Administrator Adam Young said, “This gives the applicant the go-ahead to prepare a much more detailed ‘final’ site plan, which will need to include a more specific site design and engineering details. Once prepared, the final site plan will need to be provided to the Planning Commission for review and approval.” Wax bought the property in 2016. "I am in the process of designing a building for the corner. I think it will create a great positive energy for downtown Linden and bring new people and new business to the entire downtown," Wax said in a See DOWNTOWN LINDEN on 20A

Tuesday marks seven-year anniversary of Dominick Calhoun beating death

By Vera Hogan
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He should be 11 years old and in the sixth grade, just returning from a fun, playful week of spring break this week.

Instead, Dominick Calhoun never made it past the age of 4, having lost his life at the hands of his mother’s boyfriend.

It was seven years ago this week, on April 11, that Argentine Township police responded to the apartment at Harper Street on a report of an injured and beaten boy.

Dominick was rushed to Hurley Medical Center in Flint. Due to the extent of his injuries, doctors were

See DOMINICK on 19A

Grove Park Road 100-acre parcel could become apple orchard

Owner seeks to rezone property from residential to agricultural

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If it’s just apples, it may be a go… bees, maybe… a couple of buffalo, probably not.

On Thursday, April 13, the Fenton Township Planning Commission will hear from a property owner, Peregrine Ventures Properties, LLC/ Ridgway White, who wishes to plant an apple orchard on vacant land south of Grove Park and west of Swannee Grove.

See APPLE ORCHARD on 17A

$500,000 bond ordered for Davisburg man

Charges include home invasion, assault, domestic violence and larceny

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Brent Alan Owings, 26, of Davisburg, was arraigned on four felonies Tuesday, April 4 in Oakland County 52-2 District Court.

See BOND ORDERED on 7A

Tail-wagging tricks


collage of pictures

Comment of the Week

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Yes, you can teach an old dog a new trick

**TRICK CLASSES**

Trick classes are the up and coming new trend in dog obedience training.

By Sally Rummel

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Giving high-fives, making waves and riding a skateboard aren’t just antics for teenagers; these are just a few of the tricks being mastered by four-legged students at the Positive Pawz Dog Tricks class in Fenton.

“People love to do tricks with their dogs,” said Kellie Smith, certified professional dog trainer who is teaching this class in a rented space behind The Paw Palace as part of her dog obedience series. “They’re fun. Dogs get to use their brains. It’s a great way to build relationships.”

Dog tricks aren’t that different from a person performing skills, whether it’s gymnastics, dancing, golfing or playing the piano, according to Dogtime.com. They’re all learned physical and mental skills that get practiced to perfection. “All dogs can learn tricks,” said Smith. “Their age, size or breed doesn’t matter. I’ve taught tricks to dogs from tiny Yorkiepoos to huge Great Danes. They’ve all been successful.”

Smith says that a good relationship between a dog and its owner is the key to successful tricks. “It depends on a dog’s motivation. The two have to have a bond.”

The process starts with teaching a dog to perform a trick by offering treats to reward their behavior. In no time at all, the dog will perform it with a verbal cue alone. Performing the trick becomes the reward, because everyone watching is smiling, laughing and giggling.

“There’s no stress for the dog or the owner,” said Smith. “It’s all fun. You’re not worried about obedience as much as you are going to class and having fun.”

Some tricks take longer to learn than others because there are multiple steps involved in the trick. For example, a spin or wave can be learned sometimes in as little as five minutes, while teaching a dog to open and close a child’s play refrigerator will require the dog to master multiple steps. Some of the most popular tricks in See NEW TRICK on 20A

**See NEW TRICK on 20A**

The Rock reveals plans for $3 million building

**Church’s new multipurpose facility will host weddings, funerals, community events**

By Hannah Ball

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The Rock Church in Tyrone Township released drawings of its new $3 million multipurpose building last week. The 44,000-square-foot building will not only be a church — it will also serve as a community center that can hold weddings and large-scale funerals.

“We’re looking to have it be a light-house into the community, a place of hope and place of health. Everyone is welcome no matter what they’re going through,” said Pastor Wes Morris. “It’s a very basic structure, very utilitarian, which will help us effectively do ministry into the community, accommodate more people on the weekend as well as be utilized for a community space.”

On the 52-acre open lot across the street from The Rock, which is at the northeast corner of Bennett Lake and Linden roads, the new building will have a large common area in the front that Morris said will be a spot for people to come, sit, and play.

“People with children can come and have a place to play that’s out of elements, a place beside their home they don’t have to pay to get into,” he said.

People will be able to use the free Wi-Fi to browse the internet or do some work. See $3 MILLION on 20A

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New report says 20 percent of Michigan’s state-maintained roads are in poor condition. I think I speak for 110 percent of all Michigan drivers when I say “Ha ha ha. Twenty percent is about 60 percentage points shy of the truth. I’m convinced the people who do these studies either don’t live here or fly to work.

**Nasty little truth:** We could have better roads if — shooting concept dead ahead — we paid more in taxes. Just saying. Until then, well, don’t gripe. (I can gripe because I am willing to pay more. It’s called the collective good.)

- I had one of those “You know you live in Michigan” moments mid-week when I was simultaneously thinking about tuning the mower to cut the grass this weekend and gassing up the snow blower for Thursday’s snow. The state legislature should do something useful instead of change (rather than, say, making it even easier to walk around armed) and ban winter weather after April 1.
- **Me, checking my watch. Hey, America, to walk around armed) and ban winter weather after April 1.
- **Me, checking my watch. Hey, America,** weather after April 1.

**Friday, April 7, 2017**

**Correct the scam and blow it. Suffer baby boomers had the chance to collect Social Security, I recommend you purchase a ticket.**

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**Unles you want to school across the street from Comer & Fox and have Coke drinks at Herlick’s drug store after tuning the mower, YOU ARE DONE WITH MAN BUNS, PORT PIE HATS AND LUMBERJACK BEARDS?**

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- **A man in Massachusetts is suing a Dunkin’ Donuts.**
- **Some people say The Masters is the true start of spring.** Not so. The true start of spring is when I take my first nap of the long season while watching the Tigers on TV. That moment has yet to happen. But it’s coming.

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**Anyone who supports illegal immigrants and looks to the doors of their own home is a hypocrite. Home intruders are simply ‘undocumented’ guests.**

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Michigan Lottery contributed approximately $888 million to School Aid Fund in 2016

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Those who like to play the lottery are helping to provide an education to Michigan students.

“The lottery proceeds go to the state School Aid Fund and then that’s distributed out,” said Phil Boone, director of the Office of State Aid and School Finance.

From the 1993-1994 school year to the 2013-2014 school year, the Michigan Lottery contributed nearly $12 billion to the Michigan Department of Education School Aid Fund, according to the MDE.

In 2016, the Michigan Lottery contributed a record $888 million to the School Aid Fund, which amounts to $585 per pupil in the state’s K-12 school system, according to michiganlottery.com.

People keep buying scratch-off tickets to see if they’re a lucky winner, and some may be wondering why their property taxes aren’t going down because of this significant amount. However, looking at the annual State Aid Fund, that’s just a drop in the bucket.

Boone said the most recent numbers he has show that the Michigan Lottery contributed $734,148,118 in the 2013-2014 school year.

“That represented 5.49 percent of the State School Aid fund,” he said. “It’s one of those things that people ask about once in awhile. People are curious. But it’s really not a big piece of the pie.”

According to the Michigan Lottery’s website, they contributed $795 million in 2015. Since its inception, the organization has contributed more than $19.6 billion to education in the state.

Approximately 29 cents of every dollar they receive goes to the School Aid Fund, 60 cents goes to prizes for players, and 9 cents goes to retailer and vendor commissions.

Other sources for the School Aid Fund come from the sale and use tax, the state education tax, income tax, tobacco tax, liquor tax, real estate transfer tax, federal funds, and other taxes and revenue.

The biggest source of funding is the sales and use tax, which contributes anywhere from 36 percent of the budget to 56 percent yearly.

The Michigan Lottery started contributing to the School Aid Fund in 1993, equaling 10.92 percent of the entire budget. In 1993, income tax and real estate transfer tax did not contribute to the fund.

“That really changed the system of how districts were paid. It went from being mostly property taxes to a mix of property taxes and state revenue,” he said. “It’s been at least $500 million every year (from the lottery).”

The entire School Aid Fund has more than tripled since 1993. From the 1993-1994 school year, the total state School Aid Fund was more than $4 billion. In the 2013-2014 school year, it was over $13 billion.

Boone said they received questions about the lottery helping fund schools when it was put in place, but they receive fewer and fewer questions every year.

Even though the Michigan Lottery does not fund a large portion of the School Aid Fund, Boone said the funding definitely helps.

“I think it’s good, positive advertising for the Michigan lottery. And certainly it’s $500, $600, or $700 million that would have to come from somewhere else. It’s not like that’s small money. It may not be a big chunk of the state aid budget but if the money had to come from somewhere else, something else would have to be cut to make up for it,” he said.
Should we have year-round school?

A Balanced calendar schedule is popular with students and parents

By Hannah Ball
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Local school districts have been discussing the possibility of switching to a balanced calendar, meaning students would technically go to school year-round. Nothing has been voted on, but administrators are educating themselves on their options.

Linden Superintendent Ed Koledo said the Board of Education has discussed two different initiatives: balanced calendars and delayed start for secondary schools.

“I told the board that they should begin to look into both as they would be up and coming ‘hot topics’ and that they should be knowledgeable about them,” he said.

Wayne Wright, Superintendent of Lake Fenton said he has discussions regarding the positives and negatives of a balanced calendar. The number of school days would stay the same, but the breaks would occur at a different time.

In a traditional calendar year, students have approximately 12 weeks off for summer vacation. In a balanced calendar, it's approximately eight weeks. (See sidebar for balanced calendar schedules.)

“Some of the benefits include a shorter summer vacation, which leads to less remediation when school begins the following year. There are also vacations during the year in a Balanced Calendar — typically a week off in October, February and May. We are hearing from other districts parents enjoy these breaks and can take a vacation in the winter (February),” Wright said.

According to the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, students in year-round schools do as well or slightly better in academics compared to students on a traditional schedule. Studies have also found that balanced calendars are beneficial for students from low-income families, and that students, parents, and teachers tend to have positive attitudes after switching.

Larry Godlewski, Lake Fenton school board president, said schools on a balanced calendar offer some type of child-care during breaks because it’s important to create an intersession program for all grade levels, which are theme-based teacher-led opportunities.

“We had representatives from Davison come in to one of our meetings to give us an overview of their program. They have done a great job in aligning intersessions with topics that benefit students at all grade levels,” he said.

Koledo said there were many points to understand better before making any decisions, such as:

1. What data shows for year-round schedules and academic retention
2. How the “intersessions,” or breaks, affect student success
3. Any hidden costs involved, such as air conditioning
4. How the calendar works with shared programming with the Genesee Intermediate School District and the Huron District special education programs
5. What the data shows when older students start later in the day than elementary students, and how it affects student success over time

Fenton Area Schools Superintendent Adam Hartley said they are not currently looking at a balanced calendar.

Davison and Beecher schools are currently on a balanced calendar.

Wright said, “We are being told that during the process of change, communities have concerns but after the change is made communities do not want to go back to a traditional calendar,” he said.

Wright said that after-school activities like sports would not be affected. Sports season begins in early August, along with other activities like band camp.

“I do not see where there are issues a balanced calendar creates with sports schedules or other activities,” he said. “We compete with Beecher and I have not heard of any issues affecting their programs with them being on a balanced calendar.”

Koledo said the Linden Board of Education is open to further study the options, but they will not push for either until they see consistent data that shows increases in student success and the specifics on how others achieved that success.

Wright said “I feel if every school district in Genesee County decided to change Lake Fenton would consider changing and the change would be for all buildings in the district. I do know districts around the state are investigating balanced calendars.”

Balanced calendar facts

According to publicschoolsreview.com, school systems originally adopted the traditional calendar, which gives students the two months in summer off, in order to allow the children to help the family harvest crops. However, this is no longer necessary.

Approximately 86 percent of public schools in America operate on a traditional calendar, but balanced calendars are becoming more popular, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. According to data from the National Association of Year Round Education, schools in 46 states have adopted a year-round calendar. Nearly three million students are on a year-round calendar, which is approximately 4 percent of all K-12 students in the U.S.

Schedules

The most popular year-round schedule includes a 45-15 plan, with school in session for 45 days and then have three weeks off. This calendar makes adjustments for major holidays and teacher work days.

Other popular schedules include the 60-20 calendar and the 90-30 calendar.

Source: publicschoolsreview.com

BOND ORDERED

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Owings was charged with first-degree home invasion, assaulting another person by strangulation or suffocation, domestic violence-third offense, and larceny in a building. A cash surety bond of $500,000 ordered. He remains in the Oakland County Jail.

His arrest results from a situation involving his 3-year-old daughter and the child’s mother, which allegedly occurred last week.

On Sunday, 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 Township. Investigators had reason to believe that the toddler was with her father, Owings, after he failed to return her to her mother. A Missing Endangered Alert was issued for the missing child. The child was reunited with her mother early Tuesday morning.

Owings turned himself in to authorities at 3:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 4 after contacting the MSP’s dispatch center and telling them that his 3-year-old daughter had been returned to the child’s grandfather’s house in Clarkston.

Troopers arrived at the Clarkston 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.

If bond is met and he is released from jail, Owings is to have no contact with the victim, must not have any alcohol or controlled substances, not to purchase or possess any dangerous weapons and he is to stay in Michigan.

A probable cause conference has been scheduled for April 17 at 1:30 p.m. and a preliminary exam has been scheduled for April 24.
Meet
TOM BROECKER

• Diehard Detroit Tigers fan
• Operations manager for Fenton Township
• Golfer

By Sally Rummel
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Tom Broecker, 57, is operations manager/deputy clerk for Fenton Township by day and an avid Detroit Tigers fan in his spare time. He also enjoys golfing. He and his wife, June, live in Fenton Township with their two children, JT, 19, a college student and Erin, 11, a fifth-grader at Torrey Hill Intermediate School.

How did you get to be such a huge Tigers fan?

My father took me to my first Tiger game on Sept. 18, 1967 and I've been a diehard fan ever since.

Do you usually go the home opener each season?

I've been to a number of Opening Day games over the years, but not recently. I wasn't at Comerica Park on Friday in person, but I was in spirit.

How many games do you attend each year? Do you ever go to out-of-town games or spring training in Florida?

The most games I attended in a single season was 16 (back when I was single and tickets were less expensive). Now I try to get to one or two games each year. I've never been to spring training but we did see the Tigers play the Cubs at Wrigley Field in Chicago in 2000.

What do you enjoy most about going to the games?

There are so many, including the 1968 World Series Championship, the 1984 World Series Championship, the 1980 game when the Tigers retired Al Kaline's number 6, and a special event of the Detroit Tigers Kids Club. About a week after the final game at Tiger Stadium, members and families were invited to go onto the field, into the clubhouse and press box.JT was only 1½, but he had a great time running the bases and sitting in the dugout, etc. I also attended the first game at Comerica Park on April 11, 2000.

If I had to pick a favorite memory, it would have to be the final game at Tiger Stadium. Not only did the Tigers win, the postgame ceremony with all the former players was very special.

What's your favorite thing to eat at the ballpark?

You might think this is funny but, even though stadium menus have expanded greatly over the past 20 years, my favorite ballpark meal is still a hot dog, a bag of peanuts and a pop.
By Sally Rummel

April is officially the beginning of prom season, and weddings are right around the corner. Brighton Tux Shop at 8692 W. Grand River has been your family-owned formalware destination for 40 years in Livingston County. “We’ve built our clientele one tux at a time, treating every wedding, prom and homecoming like we were suitign up one of our own family,” said owner Rick Bourbonais.

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Linden DDA excited about new businesses

‘We’re building slowly, which is good’

By Hannah Ball
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While the Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is regularly making headlines for its growth-related decisions, the Linden DDA is excited about a few new buildings and businesses that may be coming to the city.

Linden DDA Chairperson Jeanine Sapelak said the two main projects the DDA is excited about are the Union Block property and Taco Bell.

“We’re building slowly, which is good. In Fenton, it was all at once, and for some people that can be hard. Change is good, it’s a new generation. We need those businesses. We have not had any negativity at all,” she said.

Dr. Nicole Wax of Dr. Wax Orthodontics bought the Union Block property in 2016, nearly 10 years after the historical building was destroyed in a fire in 2007. She’s planning to build an approximate 7,000-square-foot, two-story mixed-use building with businesses on the first level and condominiums on the second. One business will be Dr. Wax Orthodontics and the second is an undisclosed business.

The Linden Planning Commission approved the preliminary site plan Monday.

Sapelak said they’re “very excited about the Union Block.”

“I think it’s going to be a beautiful building. She’s going to bring lots of business into town. She’s talking about condos live in downtown,” she said.

The Linden Planning Commission approved a special use permit for Taco Bell in December 2016, which is proposed to be a 2,169-square-foot, drive-through service window. The building is proposed to be built at 605 W. Broad St., near McDonald’s.

“We want to be a part of all community events. We want to make sure the community knows we support community events,” she said. “I invite anyone to come to the DDA and listen to what we’re doing.”

The Linden DDA meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 8:30 a.m. in the Linden Council Chambers.

Sapelak, who’s been a part of the DDA for six years and chairperson for the last two, said while the DDA does not have a say in what businesses come downtown, their main goal is to work with new businesses to make sure they’ll be good for Linden.

“Mostly we just instill that we’re a team, we mean to work together,” she said.

The DAA is also responsible for placing flowers downtown and making everything look consistent.

“We put all new benches in town. We put the flag in the post,” she said. “Our goal is to make downtown look nice and inviting. We’re trying to become a destination point.”

The DDA can also help out businesses with a facade improvement plan.

“If a business comes in and they need some improvements to their building we can get them a grant for up to $5,000,” she said. “We need to get some new businesses to come into town.”

Sapelak said their budget is driven on tax revenue, and increases with more businesses coming to the city.

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The Tune-Up Car Cruise is one of the biggest events that happen in the Linden DDA district every summer.

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Jeanine Sapelak
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DOUGLAS WATER CONDITIONING CELEBRATES 25 YEARS IN FENTON

Consumer awareness about the importance of quality water helped grow this local business

By Sally Rummel
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Water has always been one of the world’s most important resources, and people are now beginning to recognize how essential quality water is in our everyday lives.

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The Fenton City Council will hold a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 10 at Fenton City Hall.

The Holly Village Downtown Development Authority will hold a regular meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 10 at the Holly Police Department meeting room.

The Linden City Council will hold a regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 10 in Council Chambers.

The Fenton Board of Education will hold a regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 10 in the Administration Building.

The Tyrone Township Planning Commission will hold a regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11 at the Township Hall.

The Holly Village Council will hold a regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11 at the Karl Richter Community Center.

The Holly Township Parks Commission will hold a regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12 at the Sorensen Park Nature Center.

The Fenton Township Parks Commission will hold a regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 13 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center.

Police & Fire Report

BROKEN BEDROOM WINDOW INJURES HOLLY MAN

On March 29 at 3:15 a.m., a Holly police officer was dispatched to a home in the 300 block of Thomas Street for a destruction of property complaint. Upon arrival, the officer spoke with a 21-year-old Holly resident who said he was asleep with his girlfriend when a person began banging on his bedroom window. He said before he could get out of bed, the window broke and covered his girlfriend and him with broken glass. He sustained a small cut on his arm. The victim said he did not see who broke the window, but was told that it was a former relative. Police checked the area, but were unable to locate anyone. Photographs were taken of the window, the broken glass on the bed, and the small laceration on the victim’s arm. The case remains under investigation.

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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, April 5, Midweek Times. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

Davisburg man jailed after returning daughter

Faces multiple charges including assault, burglary and domestic violence.

Holly water and sewer users could see refund of $500

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

Batter Up!

Tigers’ home opener is biggest unofficial holiday of the season.

Lot prices at Oakwood Cemetery could go up

Increase would ensure perpetual maintenance fund.
Today's dishwashers quieter than ever

This noisy kitchen appliance is now a thing of the past

By Sally Rummel

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Gone are the days when you had to crank up the volume to hear your favorite after-dinner TV show against the loud roar of your dishwasher.

Many of today's models are very quiet, operating at 50 decibels or less — fewer than your coffeemaker. So when it's time to replace your dishwasher, you'll want to check the decibel level of models you're looking at, according to Jessica Hebda, appliance expert at Sears Hometown Store in Fenton.

However, when checking decibel ratings, Consumer Reports suggest you keep in mind that manufacturers average the sound level of an entire cycle, including the dry, silent cycle, so the rating can be misleading without double-checking with an expert who knows the appliances.

New features are available

If you're in the market for a new dishwasher, you'll find that today's dishwasher offers options not available when you bought your last appliance.

Your new dishwasher will sometimes be smarter than the person in the kitchen washing the dishes. If you rinse the dishes before loading a dishwasher equipped with a soil sensor, the sensor will determine that the dishes are fairly clean and a light wash follows, sometimes leaving bits of food stuck on the plate.

Most dishwashers come with a filter, to keep wash water free of food that could be re-deposited on clean dishes. Some models, including Maytag, come with a four-blade chopper that pulverizes food debris and flushes it down the train.

"It's like a mini garbage disposal," said Hebda.

"Our new Maytags actually have a 10-year 'limited parts' warranty on the racking, stainless steel interior and four-blade chopper," Hebda said.

Sears Hometown Store of Fenton sales associate and appliance expert Jessica Hebda likes to direct customers to LG dishwashers. There is a 10-year warranty on the direct drive motor. Other features to look for include adjustable rack heights and nylon-coated racks.

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Editor's note: this is a continued series by Features Writer Sally Rummel on what consumers need to know and ask to buy the best appliance for their needs. Go to tctimes.com to read Rummel's stories on buying ranges and refrigerators.
APPLE ORCHARD
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Beach. The meeting begins at 7 p.m.

This will be White’s second time before the Planning Commission, after being referred back after the second reading of the rezoning ordinance at the Township Board level on March 6.

White, who resides on Haddon Street, is requesting the property, which is nearly 100 acres, be rezoned from R-3 (residential) to AG (agriculture).

At the February Planning Commission meeting, White explained that it is his desire to preserve the property in its natural state. He noted the property is bounded by wetlands and forest. He told the Planning Commission he would like to plant an apple orchard on the property and maybe sell the apples at local farm markets.

AG zoning allows for farm animals, including five horses, 10 chickens, two goats, five cows and 10 buffalo. White, however, offered a condition to the AG zoning classification to restrict the use of the property for an orchard only.

During the February Planning Commission meeting, residents questioned everything from wetlands to their ability to continue to walking their dogs on the land. Several residents spoke in favor of the rezoning and encouraged the township to approve the request in order to protect natural resources and preserve green space. They stated the AG zoning, properly used, will protect the wetlands and wildlife and add to their property values.

One neighbor, Jerry Edwards, said White is a good neighbor and he supports the project.

“I am in favor of it,” he said.

White noted that the property is approximately 50 percent high, dry land. When requested, he showed an area in the center of the upland where he said he would like to start with two rows of 25 to 50 apple trees.

Planning Commission Chairman John Tucker, who also is the Fenton Township treasurer, noted that in White’s letter of intent, he mentioned having hayrides, a pumpkin patch and some farm animals. White said that may be in the distant future but he is only asking to use the property for an orchard.

White was asked about the use of bee hives, to which he said he did not plan on being a bee keeper and hopes that nature will take care of itself.

In February, Tucker said he would be concerned about the use for animal farming because of the concentration of residences that surround the property. He said he would, however, support the use of the property for an orchard. A motion to recommend approval as a conditional rezoning to AG, with the use restricted to an orchard provided the applicant put the condition in written form.

The first reading of the rezoning ordinance was held before the Fenton Township Board of Trustees on Feb. 20, and the second reading on March 6.

Because the issue of whether or not there would be livestock on the property was not clear, the board at the recommendation of its attorney, sent the matter back to the Planning Commission for clarification.

Conditions of rezoning cannot be determined by township board members, nor can they negotiate conditions with the applicant.

White, who is president of the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, said this is a personal project that has nothing to do with his employer.

“I’m pursuing a family farm. My goal is to build a family farm where we can grow some apples and sell them at farm markets,” he said. “I want to preserve the natural beauty of the property.”

White said he is not pursuing having livestock on the property at this time. He said in his request he is asking to reserve the right to have a few animals in the future, typical farm type animals like a horse, for example.
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8. The Michigan House Bill 4213 requires court orders to breathalyze minors who refuse.
9. The Senate Bill 242 allows transfer of state revenue to business owners.
10. The Senate Bill 94 accelerates new vehicle trade-in sales tax.
11. The Senate Bill 168 raises taxes on auto insurance for state theft.
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**ADDENDUM**

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DOMINICK
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unable to save him. He was taken off life support one day later.
Domnick’s mother, Corrine Baker, 26, at the time, and her boyfriend, Brandon Hayes, 25, were arrested for his murder.

In addition to drug and child abuse and torture charges, Hayes was convicted of felony murder and is currently serving a life sentence without possibility of parole.

Baker was found guilty of drug charges, child abuse and homicide murder in the second degree. The earliest she can be released from prison is April 22, 2023. Dominick’s death was the inspiration for a new law called “Dominick’s Law.” In June of 2012, Gov. Rick Snyder signed the legislation into law, stiffening penalties for child abuse.


April recognized as Child Abuse Prevention Month

Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette is recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and encouraging residents to familiarize themselves with indicators of child abuse and to report it if they suspect a child is in danger.

“Children often cannot speak for themselves and when something as horrific as child abuse is happening, they cannot or do not know how to get help,” said Schuette. “If you suspect a child is being abused, say something, report it, it just might save that child’s life. It is our job to protect children who do not have a voice.”

The Michigan Child Protection Law requires certain people, including teachers, health care professionals and law enforcement, to report their suspicions of child abuse or neglect to Children’s Protective Services.

News briefs

NAMI support group

NAMI is a non-profit support, education and advocacy organization serving persons with mental disorders, and their relatives and friends. Their new location is 514 W. Court St., Flint, just west of Grand Traverse. Support meetings are at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays. Registration is being taken for NAMI Basics classes for parents and caregivers of children with mental disorders and NAMI Family-to-Family for family and friends of adults with mental disorders. Pre-registration is required for classes but not for support groups. There is no charge for NAMI meetings and classes. Call (810) 232-6498 for details.

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NEW TRICK
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Smith’s trick class are the wave, sitting pretty, riding a skateboard and opening and closing a child’s refrigerator.

In addition to the fun of doing tricks together, this type of training also has health benefits for your dog. It builds muscle tone and stamina, boosts confidence and channels your dog’s energy into something positive.

“It’s a great activity,” said Smith. “You don’t need a lot of space.”

Dogs can actually get trick dog titles if they are AKC-registered. For more information and to download forms, go to Akc.org/about-trick-dog.

This is the second year that Smith has offered dog trick classes. Classes are one hour a week for six weeks. The dogs show off all their tricks on their last night of class.

“Whoever says you can’t teach an old dog a new trick has never been to my tricks class,” joked Smith.

DOWNTOWN LINDEN
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previous Times article. “A new development takes time and we want it to be great so we do not have a set time frame.”

According to Linden City Council meeting minutes, the plans outline an approxi- mately 7,000-square-foot, two-story mixed-use building with businesses on the first level and condominiums on the second. The new address will be 103 E. Broad St.

The first floor of the proposed mixed-use building would hold office space for two businesses. One will be Dr. Wax Orthodontics and the other is an undisclosed business.

The plan proposes the second floor consist of five total condominium units ranging in size from 1,065 to 1,486 square feet.

The preliminary site plan review application was submitted by Asselin McLane Architectural Group, LLC, with permission of property owner Wax Real Estate Holdings, LLC, according to the minutes.

One issue discussed Monday was parking, and how the development would affect the lack of parking in the downtown. Young said a subcommit- tee was established to discuss parking solutions.

According to Linden City records, Wax bought the property in 2016 for $175,000 from the LaFontaine family.

According to real estate records, the LaFontaine family paid $186,000 for the seven parcels of land involved. The purchase was made after a fire on May 18, 2007 destroyed the hist- oric buildings, which anchored the Union Block. The buildings were demolished in Aug- ust 2007 to make room for future development, which never happened due in part to the reces- sion.

An underground gaso- line leak at a nearby gas station was discovered in 2014, and this site, which was affected, is currently undergoing remediation efforts.

Wax opened Dr. Wax Orthodontics in June 2014, next to Coney Café at 123 North Bridge St., and previously said she knew she would outgrow the space.

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It will also be a beautiful spot for weddings, he added. It will have large windows that allow sunlight to come through.

“The goal is to just care for whoever comes in the door,” he said.

The ministry started planning for the new building in 2013 because the current church doesn’t have enough seating for Sunday services. Two of the most popular services, 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Sundays are held at the Lake Fenton High School Auditorium.

“That’s more true now than it’s ever been,” he said.

The new building will fix that issue with a large auditorium with a stage and seating for up to 1,500 people.

Morris said the goal is to build the structure without any debt.

“The total cost of initial phase is $3 million. We’re looking to save that money and have it all do- nated before we start building,” he said. “We’re pumped.”

They have currently raised $720,000.

On Wednesday during the reveal, he asked everyone to pray about how they should participate.

“We want people to drive by and know they can receive the gospel and the love of God there,” he said. “We don’t want it to represent the heart of God.”

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NATIONAL HISTORY

APRIL 9
1865: At Appomattox, Virginia, Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrenders his 28,000 troops to Union General Ulysses S. Grant, effectively ending the American Civil War. Forced to abandon the Confederate capital of Richmond, blocked from joining the surging Confederate force in North Carolina, and harassed constantly by Union cavalry, Lee had no other option.

APRIL 10
1834: A fire at the LaLaurie mansion in New Orleans, Louisiana, leads to the discovery of a torture chamber where slaves were regularly tortured by Delphine LaLaurie. Rescuers found a 70-year-old black woman trapped in the kitchen during the fire because she had been locked up while LaLaurie was busy saving her furniture. The woman later revealed that she had set the fire in an attempt to escape LaLaurie’s torture. She led authorities up to the attic, where seven slaves were found tangled in the truck’s power takeoff.

APRIL 11
1968: At the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles, the actress and singer Cher collects the Academy Award for Best Actress for her performance in Moonstruck (1988). Cherilyn Sarkassian, who was born on May 20, 1946, first became famous as the female half of the 1960s singing duo Sonny and Cher, alongside her future husband, Sonny Bono.

APRIL 12
1945: While on a vacation in Warm Springs, Georgia, President Roosevelt suffers a stroke and dies. His death marked a critical turning point in U.S. relations with the Soviet Union, as his successor, Harry S. Truman, decided to take a tougher stance with the Russians. By April 1945, Roosevelt had been elected president of the United States four times and had served for over 12 years. On April 12, 1945, he suffered a massive stroke and died.

APRIL 13
2009: Former Major League Baseball all-star pitcher Mark “The Bird” Fidrych is found dead at the age of 54 following an accident at his Massachusetts farm involving a Mack truck he was working on. Fidrych, the 1976 American League Rookie of the Year, suffocated when his clothes got caught in the truck’s power takeoff shaft. Fidrych became a national sensation during his rookie season with the Detroit Tigers. That year, his record was 19 wins and 9 losses with a league-leading 2.34 ERA and 24 complete games. The 6-foot, 3-inch Fidrych reportedly earned his nickname for his resemblance to the “Sesame Street” character Big Bird, who was a favorite with fans.

APRIL 14:
1865: President Abraham Lincoln is shot in the head at Ford’s Theatre in Washington, D.C. The assassin, actor John Wilkes Booth, shot and killed the first black president in American history. The South is avenged, “as he jumped onto the stage and fled on horseback. Lincoln died the next morning.

NEWS BRIEFS

Volunteer drivers needed to transport cancer patients to treatment in Genesee County

An estimated 57,600 Michigan residents will learn they have cancer this year and getting to their scheduled treatment will be one of their greatest concerns. To ease this burden, the American Cancer Society Road to Recovery program is looking for volunteer drivers to provide free transportation to treatment for patients who have cancer and do not have a ride or are unable to drive themselves. Many cancer patients don’t own a car, can’t afford a rideshare, or have gasoline, or don’t have access to public transportation. Some patients may be elderly and unable to drive, too ill to drive, or have no family members or friends who are able to provide regular assistance with transportation. The Road to Recovery program provides transportation options for patients in these situations and currently is in desperate need of more volunteer drivers in Genesee County. “Every driver makes what it takes to survive easier,” said Rachael Cook of the American Cancer Society. “We’re urgently asking Genesee County drivers to donate their passenger seat and volunteer to take cancer patients to treatment. One cancer patient requiring radiation therapy could need between 20 to 30 trips to treatment over the course of six weeks. A patient receiving chemotherapy may need weekly treatment for up to a year.” To volunteer, you must have a valid driver’s license, a safe and reliable vehicle, and proof of automobile insurance. Drivers must be 18 years of age or older and have a good driving history. They arrange their own schedules and can commit as many or as few hours as their schedule allows. The American Cancer Society provides free training to drivers and conducts criminal background and driving record checks. For information about the Road to Recovery program and other Society programs and services, call 1-800-227-2345, or visit cancer.org.

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ESTRANGED HUSBAND HARRASSES WIFE IN HOLLY

On March 28, Holly police were dispatched to a home in the 100 block of Oakland Street for personal protection order violation. An officer spoke with a 33-year-old female who said her 39-year-old husband had been calling her all night. She said he had made threats toward her and her 23-year-old boyfriend. She played a voicemail from her husband for the officer, who could hear the husband saying he was prank calling. While at the residence, her husband called again, this time with the officer answering the call. The officer advised the man to stop calling. While the officer was on scene, the woman’s husband called six times. The officer learned that the PPO had not been served. The officer went over to the husband’s home on Coghshill Street and spoke to him in person to advise him not to call his wife again.

HOLLY TEEN ARRESTED

Dylan Teague, 17, of Holly was arrested on one count of first-degree home invasion in Oakland County 52-2 District Court on March 22. He was released on $1,500 bond. He waived his preliminary exam and was bound over to circuit court with an April 11 arraignment. The charge stems from his arrest on March 20 in Hawaiian Gardens trailer park in Holly. According to Holly police, Teague is charged with breaking into a neighboring residence and stealing multiple items, including clothes, cash and jewelry.

HOLLY MAN STEALS BEER

At 6:30 p.m. on March 26, Holly police responded to a grocery store on Saginaw Street in Holly for a retail fraud complaint. An employee told police that she observed a person take two six packs of beer valued at $23 and exit the store without paying. The store surveillance video showing the person selecting the beer and exiting was turned over to police. Police were able to view the license plate of the suspect’s car and made contact with the Buick’s owner from Holly. A male matching the suspect in the store’s video saw police approaching his parents’ house, prompting him to free on foot. Police soon learned the 38-year-old suspect had four outstanding warrants from Grand Rapids. On March 29, the suspect’s father went to the store and paid $23 for the stolen beer. The suspect’s whereabouts were unknown. Since the store was reimbursed, they chose not to press charges at this time.

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LF’s Hillger caps prep wrestling career with another impressive victory

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Lake Fenton wrestler Trent Hillger capped his career as a three-time state champion and a four-time All-State performer in March. And now he can add “unofficial senior national champion” to his resume.

Hillger finished the season by winning a state title (mainly due to the fact the defending Class A state champions, Flushing, with hillger defeated Pennsylvania’s nationally ranked heavyweights. Hillger defeated Pennsylvania’s Furman 3-0, adding to his argument that he may have been the best heavyweight wrestler in the nation among those graduating this spring. His squad, Team USA, defeated Team Pennsylvania 28-20 at the 2017 Pittsburgh Wrestling Classic held in Pittsburgh.

“I was a great event,” Hillger said. “The atmosphere was great and the fans were crazy. There were 5,000 in attendance and most were Pennsylvania fans. They went nuts with a Pennsylvania wrestler scored a point.”

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Blue Devils dominate top two spots of our poll

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In our last issue we presented teams No. 8 to No. 5 in our Tri-County Winter Sports Elite Eight Poll. This week we’ll look into the final four.

Teams that were given some thought about being placed in the poll but weren’t the Linden varsity boys basketball team, the Fenton varsity boys basketball team, and the Holly varsity wrestling team. They’d be considered our honorable mention squads. This edition we hit the truly elite winter sports. The top three were pretty easy.

No. 4 – Fenton boys swimming and diving: The Tigers were their typical dominant selves in Metro League action, crushing the opposition during the dual meet season, and then winning the Metro League meet by a whopping 251 points. However they were also the toughest team to figure out where to place. Because the league is so weak, the Tigers are mostly judged on their state tournament performance and other non-league events, and in those events the Tigers weren’t as strong as they have been in the past. For example, the Tigers didn’t have a relay quality for the state meet (a sign of team depth) or have a swimmer or a diver advance to the second day of the state meet. We gave them fourth, but it was a tough call.

No. 3 – Fenton girls basketball: Fenton wasn’t able to win the Metro League title, but did finish second to eventual Class A state champions, Flushing, with an impressive 11-3 league record. The Tigers finished the season with a strong 17-7 mark, earning a second straight Class A district title with wins against Brandon and Holly. The Tigers defeated Rochester Adams in the regional semifinal, but then lost to Macomb Dakota in the regional title game. Chloe Idoni finished the season as an Honorable Mention All-State performer.

No. 2 – Lake Fenton boys basketball: The Blue Devils were a very easy selection at No. 2 in this poll. No, they weren’t able to win a Genesee Area Conference Red Division title (mainly due to the fact the defending Class C champs are in their league), but they did a lot of other good stuff. The Blue Devils played a tough schedule and finished the regular season with a 15-5 overall record and seemed poised to make a strong tournament run. They did just that, defeating Chesaning, Corunna and Freeland en route to a second straight Class B district title. Lake captured the program’s first-ever regional title.

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SURVIVING THE ROLLER RINK

I experienced one of the toughest nights I’ve had in a long time. I experienced people riding against traffic, not yielding when they should and texting while cruising on wheels. And during the entire experience I had to avoid serious collisions probably a dozen times while near-catastrophic collisions happened at least once a minute. Yet, somehow everyone seemingly survived.

No, this wasn’t a drive down US 23 during rush hour. This was a night at the roller rink.

We used to go to the roller rink reasonably frequently considering our non-kid status. We’d go about once or twice a winter, usually when the school sports were on break. But for some reason we stopped about seven or eight years ago. On Tuesday, I decided it was time for me and my wife, Anna, to venture out to Grand Blanc’s Rollerhaven rink once again. Convincing Anna to go roller skating (or in her case roller blading) is a pretty easy sell. She immediately said “let’s go.”

Once we were there, I quickly realized I may regret our decision. I was now dead meat for about 100 wheel-wearing children. I’m not a great roller skater. I’ve gone skating probably at least 30 times in my life, yet each time I go it seems I have to re-learn how to skate once again. The first 10 minutes I huddled the wall as much as possible. However, many little kids made that nearly impossible as many were going against the flow of traffic right in my path. That meant I had to risk going out to the center where the ‘young guns’ could attack by flying by me and cutting me off.

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Fenton varsity football coach Jeff Setzke talks to his team during the Tigers’ game at Grand Valley State University last fall. Fenton will begin the 2017 season with a game at The University of Michigan on Aug. 26 at 4 p.m. against the Brandon Blackhaws.

Fenton football opening 2017 season at Michigan Stadium vs. Brandon

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Over the years the Fenton varsity football team has had the opportunity to play in some pretty impressive college stadiums.

During seven-on-seven tournaments over the summer, the team has been able to play at The University of Notre Dame.

Last season, the Tigers opened the season with a contest at Grand Valley State University.

This fall the Tigers are upping the ante a bit higher. They will open the season as a part of the 2017 Battle at the Big House experience with a game at the “Big House” at the University of Michigan.

The game will be held on Aug. 26 at 4 p.m. against the Brandon Blackhaws. It is the second of two games that day at Grand Valley State University.

“It’s a great opportunity for the kids,” Fenton varsity football coach Jeff Setzke said. “Some of the players who had the opportunity to play at Grand Valley last year will get the opportunity to play at Michigan this year. What a great experience it is for the kids.”

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Cassidy headed to Oakland University

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When Elise Cassidy leaves Fenton High School to compete for the Oakland University women’s swim and diving program, she won’t have to worry about being alone.

After all, her brother is on the men’s team.

Cassidy will continue her swimming career at Division 1 Oakland University side-by-side with her brother, Brant, for at least the first portion of her college athletic tenure. Cassidy is excited to start her career.

“It means a lot getting the opportunity to (compete at a Division 1 level),” Cassidy said. “Going to a Division 1 school is pretty big. And my brother actually goes there so getting to swim with him is great. I already know the team.

“I wanted to go D1 or D2 and Oakland was one of the options at D1, so it worked out.”

Cassidy was a four-year varsity swimmer for Fenton’s swimming girls swim squad, qualifying for the state meet when a member of two of those relay teams.

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Hillger was strong in his match.

It went really well,” Hillger said for the state meet in at least one event each of her four years on the squad. She was a state finalist during her final two seasons.

Last fall she was part of a record-breaking season at the state meet when the Tigers qualified all three relays to the second day of the meet. Of course, Cassidy was a member of two of those relays — 15th-place in the 400 freestyle relay (3:43.04) and 16th place in the 200 medley relay (1:53.77). She also qualified for the second day individually in the 100 backstroke, posting a 13th place finish (59.99).

She posted a time of 58.9 seconds in the preliminary round. Fenton finished the meet in 21st place.

She was part of Fenton’s Metro League Meet record holding 200 medley relay team (2016) said. “He was a real defensive wrestler so I wasn’t worried when it was 0-0 after one. He stayed away from my shots and I’m a wrestler so I wasn’t worried when he was in the match. He didn’t score a point.”

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With the season for the Michigan high school girls swimming teams drawing to a close, there will be a decision made on who will be the No. 1 team.

Regional title with a win against Frankenmuth, but lost in the quarterfinals to Ludington.

No. 1 – Lake Fenton wrestling: For the second straight season, the Lake Fenton wrestling team was our No. 1 squad for the third time in four seasons. While there, the Blue Devils advanced to the state meet for the third time in four seasons.

While Hunter Corcoran and Sean Trombley won state titles while Hunter Corcoran and Sean Trombley won state titles while hunter Corcoran and Sean Trombley won state titles while Hunter Corcoran and Sean Trombley won state titles. All of this made the Blue Devils the easy choice for No. 1 in our poll.

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whenever possible — a seemingly inevitable path towards many crashes and accidents. Many were talking selfies while skating and others were actually texting while skating. This made me freak out, realizing these same people would have a drivers license within the next four years. If someone can’t refrain from texting while on roller blades, of course they’ll be texting on the road.

Through it all, I somehow not only never fell, but within about a half-hour, I was cruising at a steady pace. And by the end of the session, I was back to my typical skating self, skating reasonably well with a couple well developed blisters on my right foot.

Actually, for someone who still doesn’t really know how to stop instantly — my best method to stop is to just run into the wall — I’ve never fallen while roller skating with Anna in our presence. This, I know, secretly bothers her. The first time we went she thought she’d prove herself the superior skater as I felt three or four times, giving her something to laugh at. Instead it was her in one of the most ridiculous moments possible who fell.

We were sitting in one of the booths between songs and while sitting, she was scooting her feet on the floor. I’ll never figure out how she did this, but Anna ended up losing her balance as she rolled her wheels while sitting in the booth and fell to the ground. She had fallen while sitting down. Anyone who knows me well, knows I won’t let her forget that one.

Well, we both survived our trip, and now I think we’ve both decided we want to sneak out there again. Even with all the 10-year-old hotshots flying around, it remains a pretty entertaining night for this 40-something balding man, even if it means listening to three or four Justin Timberlake songs in a two-hour period.
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