

Fenton Township prohibits medical marijuana facilities — by doing nothing

■ No action on resolution keeps these facilities out

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Fenton Twp. — By doing nothing, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees de-

cided not to allow residents to grow, process, transport, or distribute marijuana. Currently, the township does not have an ordinance allowing or not allowing these marijuana facilities.

At the Monday, April 17 meeting, Operations Manager/Deputy Clerk Tom Broecker said the township needs to de-

cide if it wants to allow medical marijuana facilities, and if so, it needs to adopt an ordinance to permit them.

The Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act allows the state of Michigan to license five types of medical marijuana facilities including growers,

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Popular Fenton Hotel closed for repairs

■ Easter Sunday fire leaves 161-year-old restaurant in need of new roof

By Tim Jagielo

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Fenton — In the kitchen of the Fenton Hotel Tavern and Grille, finished meals sit in the window ready for servers to take to tables, and salad fixings are prepped and plated desserts are ready to go.

Everything is as it was before the kitchen roof fire of the historic Fenton restaurant on Sunday.

On Monday, the kitchen sits in an eerie dim quiet, with water still dripping from the ceiling. Debris is on the floor, ovens and prep tables.

There are nine holes in the roof of the kitchen and three damaged walls following the fire on Easter Sunday, and the staff has to leave everything exactly as it is for the insurance adjuster to see.

A small generator runs just outside the entrance of the kitchen, as electricians make sure there is no "hot"

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Dan Hammerberg, Fenton Hotel Tavern & Grille manager, walks through the wrecked restaurant kitchen Monday afternoon. Firefighters had to cut nine holes in the roof to find the source of the fire, which was inside the roof above the kitchen. The kitchen needs a new roof, and the historic business is closed until it can be replaced. See **video and more photos online at tctimes.com**.

Rezoning for apple orchard postponed a third time

■ Animals are biggest concern among nearby residents and planning commissioners

By Vera Hogan

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A Fenton Township man's desire to plant an apple orchard on 100 acres of property he owns on Grove Park Road will have to wait a while longer.

On April 13, the Fenton Township Planning Commission held a public hearing for the second time on Ridgway White's request to rezone the parcel of land, south of Grove Park and west of Swanee Beach from R-3 single family

residential to AG Agriculture. The request came with two conditions, the first being that the primary farming activity will be an orchard. The second condition was that animals will be limited to include: household pets, wildlife and farm animals limited to five horses, 10 chickens, two goats, five cows and 10 buffalo.

According to the draft minutes of the April 13 meeting, Tim Sanford represented White at the hearing as White was out of town. He read a prepared letter from White explaining that after putting some thought into the conditional rezoning he

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Fenton man serving 30-50 years for CSC with minor

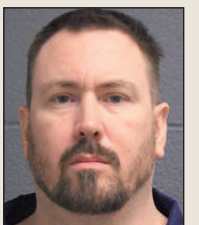
■ Additional charges could result in life in prison

By Vera Hogan

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Robert Lee Dennis, 41, is currently serving a 30-50 year sentence each for four counts of criminal sexual conduct (CSC) with a minor under the

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Robert Lee Dennis

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“Yes, a lot of women do have babies they can't afford. If taxpayers must pay the bill, let's do a good job of it and make sure those babies grow up healthy and with a decent education. That is a win. Anything else is a loss.”



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WEATHER FORECASTS GETTING MORE ACCURATE



ABC-TV12 Meteorologist J.R. Kirttek explains how predictions are made

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People love to watch it, talk about it, and complain about it, even though there's absolutely nothing they can do about it.

We're talking about the weather, and few things in life are as unpredictable, especially if you live in Michigan.

Unexpected warm, sunny days in Feb-

ruary and cold, wind, snow and sleet in early April remind us that Michigan's volatility can make weather forecasting difficult. That doesn't stop us from sometimes making meteorologists the butt of jokes when their weather predictions are way off.

Weather forecasting is extremely complex, according to J.R. Kirttek, chief

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J.R. Kirttek
ABC-TV12 chief
meteorologist

meteorologist at ABC-TV12.

“Virtually everything you see or sense is a variable you have to take into account,” he said. “How does the wind interact with the land, or lakes or even buildings? How much solar radiation will reach the Earth's surface, based on cloud cover or other aerosols? Will the local topography help or hinder a storm's development?”

In Michigan, the Great Lakes provide their own weather idiosyncrasies. “We all know about lake-effect snow squalls, but many people don't know the lakes act as an air conditioner, keeping us a little cooler in the summer than we might otherwise be,” said Kirttek. “In the winter, as long as the lakes aren't frozen over, they will keep us warmer.”

Winter storms can also be challenging to predict accurately. Just a slight shift in the direction a storm travels can dictate where the heaviest snows fall, according to Kirttek.

This is why today's high-powered computers are so important to weather forecasting. As they model all these various interactions, weather forecasts become more

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SUMMER FORECAST FROM J.R. KIRTEK

It may end up a little wetter than normal with slightly below average temperatures

By Sally Rummel

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“I'm not really into the long-range forecasting business, but when there are things like El Niño or La Niña in play that do make a difference, I will put my two cents worth in,” said J.R. Kirttek.

“Those things play bigger roles in our winter season, and usually don't affect us as significantly during the summer months.”

Right now, all of the long-range outlooks for the summer season from the Climate Prediction Center are suggesting a 40 to 50 percent chance of above average temps for the Great Lakes Region (in general terms, See **SUMMER** on 13



J.R. Kirttek

Dueling pianos brings in \$2,500 for Loose Center

■ Popular senior center in Linden has 130 activities, 5,800 members

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Linden — In just the first half of the dueling pianos performance, couples danced, an innocent bystander had to act like Elvis on stage and all the veterans in the crowd were brought up to be recognized.

On Tuesday, April 11, the Loose Center in Linden hosted a special “bigger” fundraiser for the organization's general fund. Loose provides activities

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Dueling pianist Dan Louisell (left) performs with Noel Leaman on April 11. (Top left photo) The pair performs “The Devil Went Down to Georgia.” (Bottom left photo) Paul and Sue McEwen dance to “What a Wonderful World.”

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If I Were King...

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Breaking news: Criminals good, cops bad

Evidently, in the wacky world of liberals, suspects now have the right to choose whether or not they feel compelled to comply with orders from a police officer.

Police officer: "You're under arrest. Put your hands behind your back!"

Suspect: "Don't touch me! I didn't do anything!"

Police officer: "Oh, my mistake sir. Glad you spoke up. On your way now."

Said no police officer — EVER!!!

For those of you who were vacationing on Space Island 99 a week ago Sunday, here's what went down. After overbooking a flight, United Airlines personnel

asked for volunteers to give up their seats to make room for some crew members, offering \$1,000 vouchers as an incentive. When no one volunteered, United randomly selected several passengers to leave the plane, with passenger David Dao being one of them. When he refused, he was forcibly dragged from the flight by police officers from the Chicago Department of Aviation. Video of the incident ignited a "social media frenzy" (definition: a group of aging, liberal weenies who spend their waking hours surfing the internet, breathlessly searching for video footage that can be used to ignite a "social media frenzy.")

Since the incident, the mainstream media has had a field day trashing United Airlines and the police officers.

In my opinion David Dao was somewhat justified in his outrage. But his outrage should have been directed toward the idiots at United Airlines, not the police.

And, truth be told, the police response was a bit inappropriate. But deciding that we do not wish to comply with orders from law enforcement officers, even if we are completely in the right — is wrong.

And the police simply do not have the luxury of neglecting to enforce their own orders because someone expresses their desire to be left alone. The innocence, mistreatment, inconvenience or potential police misconduct is something to be dealt

with at a later time in a sedate and serene court of law, not the "scene of the crime."

Whether United Airlines, the Chicago Aviation Police officers or David Dao handled the situation properly is debatable. What isn't debatable is that once a person refuses to comply with clear instructions from the police, under any circumstances, there is only one way for them to ensure that their instructions are followed — by physically subduing the individual and placing them under arrest.

It's also a given, unfortunately, that the mainstream media will always try to paint the cops as the bad guys and the perps as innocent, misunderstood heroes.

You know, heroes like Michael Brown, or Trayvon Martin, or Freddy Gray.

Bonus Airline Tip: You should always arrive at the airport at least two hours before your scheduled flight time so that you will be among the first to know that your flight has been cancelled.

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“The mainstream media will always try to paint the cops as the bad guys and the perps as an innocent, misunderstood heroes.”

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PLEASE HOLD MR. Childs accountable for his prejudice and demagoguery, as in his April 12 hate speech (yet again). He 'guesses' that 80-90 percent of recipients of welfare are able to work but have 'committed to a lifelong career as a parasite.' So, an easy Google: Less than seven months, 19 percent.

ANOTHER REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT? We're heading for another war because, as usual, the previous Democratic president's cowardice has created a mess the Republican has to clean up.

ALMOST EVERYTHING THAT is wrong with the world comes from people either not having higher moral values or not living by them.

WE THE PEOPLE of Michigan saw what one woman could do to just one state. Thank God she didn't get her hands on our whole country.

HELP, A SECTION of our dock floated away from our home in Crane's Cove on Lake Fenton during a recent windstorm. It's all wood and about 4-feet wide. Please call (810) 869-0440 so that we can retrieve it.

I'VE LIVED IN Fenton all of my 41 years, I went to middle school across from the Comber and Fox lot. I'd say that means I'm from here. I'd like to thank all the business people and city officials for all their hard work creating great downtown destinations.

SO THANKFUL THAT Trump was elected president instead of Hillary.

I HAVE AN idea. Be quiet. Until you get your facts right and you know what you're saying, could you please stop commenting in the Hot lines?

A NEW REPORT shows that we spend \$60 billion a year to educate, teach and incorporate illegal aliens in our school systems. This is going to increase costs for all local schools. I believe we have a moral obligation to help our current American students get an education and keep them safe.

YOU HAVE TO laugh at the hypocritical liberals who worship Bill Clinton, a known slanderer, female abuser, scandalous and corrupt person. One of the most morally corrupt presidents we have ever known.

THE U.S. TAX code is a mess with high rates on small businesses, individuals, and corporations. High taxes and high regulations have slowed our economic growth, this is why we elected a businessman to take control of this country. This is why Democrats are no longer in power.

THE LANSING MAYOR just made Lansing a sanctuary city. He said he plans to ignore all federal laws ignoring immigration. I wonder what other federal laws he plans to ignore regarding guns, tax evasion or even child pornography. One can only assume.

IN FENTON, WE need to have some of these potholes fixed that are leading into some of these stores. There are some terrible holes that are going to break a shock absorber.

I AGREE WITH the person about Comber and Fox. We need a little fruit market like we used to have. They shut them out, they were going to do such good plans with it. We could also use another laundromat.

THE HOT LINES are one of the best parts of the Times. It's too bad a whole page could not be dedicated to the thoughts, and concerns dedicated to the people of Fenton. The heartbeat of the community is not its newspaper but the people who read the newspaper and the people who make the news.

BOO HOO! POOR Michael LaJoice. He and his family lived in the lap of luxury for years on stolen money. Now it's time to pay the piper.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

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Compiled by Tim Jagielo, media editor

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— **Brandon Rhine**
Fenton



"It can be a good thing, but it can be abused. I haven't supported anything."

— **Ryan Gierda**
Argentine Township



"I like them, just stay informed. I've been interested in indie games that I've seen on Kickstarter."

— **Jett Gierda**
Argentine Township



"It gives you a direct impact to a cause. I've supported a site for small town activism called 'Small Towns Rising.'"

— **Attila Huth**
Ann Arbor



"Sometimes it works out. I've heard of small businesses that started on Kickstarter, and they got bigger. Mostly I like to support small businesses, musicians."

— **Kathryn Palmer**
Flint

streettalk

Beatles are undisputed leaders of British Invasion

■ Fab Four made their first appearance on American soil in February 1964

By Vera Hogan

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The following is the third in a series about 50 years of music history. We continue with the British Invasion of the early 1960s.

"The British are coming, the British are coming!"

The first time we heard about that was when Paul Revere made his famous ride at the start of the Revolutionary War in 1775.

The second time was in 1963-64, when the Brits sent their best again — only this time by redcoats bearing guitars and a new sound that would resonate throughout America for a very long time, and continues to do so today.

The Beatles were the undisputed leaders of the "British Invasion." In 1963, they released their first U.S. single, "Please Please Me."

According to rollingstone.com, that same year, the term *Beatlemania* was coined to describe the phenomenal outburst of enthusiasm in England.

But 1964 was the year of the Beatles' American conquest, and it began with the Jan. 25 appearance of "I Want to Hold Your Hand" on Billboard's Top Forty chart and the Feb. 7 arrival of the band on American soil for a two-week promotional blitz.

Overnight, Beatlemania swept the country. Young girls abandoned themselves to hysteria. And schoolboys started dreaming of long hair and electric guitars.

Britannia ruled the airwaves in 1964. In the front ranks, marching in formation behind the Beatles, were the Dave Clark Five, the Rolling Stones, Herman's Hermits, the Searchers, the Hollies, the Animals, the Kinks, the Yardbirds, Gerry and the Pacemakers, Freddie and the Dreamers, Petula Clark, Dusty Springfield, Peter and Gordon and Chad and Jeremy. Then there were the one-hit wonders — and

what hits! "Have I the Right?" by the Honeycombs, "Hippy Hippy Shake," by the Swinging Blue Jeans all made the charts during the rave years.

The British Invasion set off a fever that defied all attempts to contain it or rationalize it as a fad. According to rollingstone.com, the generation gap opened in 1964 with a crack that was more like a friendly grin than a roar of disapproval. It all began in the seaport town of Liverpool, England when John Lennon, George Harrison and Paul McCartney first teamed up to form the Quarrymen. A few name changes later, following stints as the Moondogs and the Silver Beatles, they crossed the threshold into the '60s as simply the Beatles. Later, Richard Starkey, a.k.a. Ringo Starr, is the drummer who would become the fourth member of the Beatles.

From the moment "I Want to Hold Your Hand" was first played on an American radio station in December of 1963 and the country fell under their spell.

The group's Feb. 9, 1964 appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show" drew a TV audience estimated at 70 million, the largest in the history of the medium. "I Want to Hold Your Hand" topped the singles charts for seven consecutive weeks.

During the first week of April 1964, the Beatles occupied 12 positions on the Top 100 — and every position in the Top Five. The hits included, "Can't Buy Me Love," "Twist and Shout," "She Loves You," "I Want to Hold Your Hand" and "Please Please Me."

A rhythm and blues scene was thriving at a handful of venues under the tutelage of elder statesmen and bandleaders Alexis Korner and Cyril Davies, whose ensembles included such stars-to-be as Mick Jagger, Brian Jones and Charlie Watts (of the Rolling Stones), Jack Bruce and Ginger Baker (of Cream) and Paul Jones (of Manfred Mann).

After nearly 50 years, the Rolling Stones remain one of the most tangible links to the British Invasion era.

The statistical high-water mark of the British Invasion fell on June 18, 1965,

when no fewer than 14 records of British origin occupied the U.S. Top Forty. It was a record that stood until July 16, 1983, when the second British Invasion

— led by Duran Duran, Culture Club and the Police — landed 18 hits on the chart.

Source: rollingstone.com



HOT LINE CONTINUED

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ONE-HUNDRED AND twenty million on bombs and missiles for a show of force. The Russian, Chinese, and North Korean newspapers are laughing at Trump while the GOP calls him presidential.

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The Law of Extradition – Part I

The hypothetical John Doe robs a bank in Florida. He knows that if he crosses the state line, Florida authorities can't arrest him, so he flees to Michigan thinking he'll be safe. He is subsequently charged with bank robbery in Florida and the authorities discover that he's in Michigan.

The question is what can Florida do to have Mr. Doe returned to Florida to face the charges?

The answer lies in what is known as the Law of Extradition.

The word extradition comes to us from two Latin words "ex" meaning out of and "traditio" meaning delivering up.

The law itself has its origin in the United States Constitution Article IV Section 2, which requires a fugitive to be returned upon the demand of the executive authority of the state from which they fled.

There is also a federal extradition statute and a statute called the Uniform Criminal Extradition Act (UCEA). This is a state statute, which has been adopted by 48 states including Michigan, and is the most commonly used law in extradition cases.

Under the UCEA, an extradition starts with the demanding state requesting that a defendant be returned from the asylum state. The demand must include a showing that a crime was committed. Thereafter the defendant is arraigned by the asylum state's court and has the right to be represented by an attorney at all hearings and court appearances.

The extradition hearing is very limited in its scope and centers on whether the defendant is the same person charged with a crime in the demanding state and whether they were in the demanding state when the crime was committed.

The court may not determine guilt or innocence and it does not matter if the defendant has led an exemplary life since becoming a fugitive.

If the legal tests are met, the defendant is held without bond to allow the demanding state's authority to pick them up and be returned.

The law is meant to preclude sanctuary in any state and encourage mutual respect and cooperation among states. Its requirements are strictly construed.

Extradition also includes cases involving post-conviction fugitives who have escaped from prison. There is no statute of limitations in such cases.

Next week in Part II — The Phillip Chase Case.

Life lessons from the Twilight Zone

■ New book features insight into iconic '60s TV show

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"There is a fifth dimension beyond that which is known to man. It is a dimension as vast as space and as timeless as infinity. It is the middle ground between light and shadow, between science and superstition, and it lies between the pit of man's fears and the summit of his knowledge. This is the dimension of imagination. It is an area which we call the Twilight Zone."

— Rod Serling

People who were around in the early 1960s and enjoyed fantasy and science fiction probably had "The Twilight Zone" on their weekly TV-watching schedule.

The TV anthology series ran from 1959 to 1964 and was hosted by Rod Serling. Today, there's a new book out by Mark Dawidziak called "Everything I need to know I learned in The Twilight Zone. In it, the author, a TV critic, shares practical advice he has gleaned from the popular TV series.



The stories of fantasy and science fiction, most of them dramatic were often laced with humor. In one, "The Monsters are Due on Maple Street," (1960) references the anti-Communist McCarthy era. It shows how quickly friendly neighbors become enemies when trust evaporates, destroying themselves before invading aliens have to do anything.

Whether or not aliens are helpful or hostile was explored in the 1962 episode called "To Serve Man," Spoiler alert: there is a twist. The alien publication is a cookbook.

Probably one of the best of the series

was called "Nightmare at 20,000 Feet." Fear of flying takes on a whole new meaning with this episode, featuring a young William Shatner.

Shatner plays the part of Robert Wilson, 37, husband, father and salesman on sick leave. He is a salesman on an airplane with his wife for the first time since his nervous breakdown six months prior.

As he stares out his window on a stormy night, he thinks he spots a supposed creature on the wing of the plane. But, every time someone else looks out the window, the creature always leaps out of view, so nobody believes Bob's seemingly outlandish claim.

Bob realizes that his wife is starting to think he needs to go back to the sanitarium, but after he sees the creature begin to peel back the metal on the wing, he realizes that if nothing is done about the creature, it will cause the plane to crash.

The flight attendant tries to give Bob sleeping pills, but he fakes swallowing them so he can stay up and do something

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Lake Fenton honors Van Gilder family and music director

■ Foundation to host dinner May 13 at Spring Meadows

Two well-known names are being recognized for their contributions to Lake Fenton Community Schools.

The Van Gilder family has been selected by the Lake Fenton Foundation as this year's recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award, sponsored by The State Bank. Lake Fenton Music Director Ryan Gonder has been selected for the Teacher of the Year Award, sponsored by Bill Carr Signs.

The Van Gilder family represents a lifetime achievement in business and philanthropy. Russ Van Gilder founded the VG's grocery name and opened his first store in Clio in 1961. He and wife, Shirley, son Rusty, and daughter Lisa went on to grow their business to 17 stores in Mid-2008.

Over the years, the Van Gilders have given to hundreds of local school and church fundraisers through its community share program and The Van Gilder Family Foundation established in 2009.

While the Van Gilders were in business, they received numerous awards and recognition from local, state and national organizations. In 2011, they were honored by serving as grand marshals in the Fenton Freedom Festival, recognized by Camp Copneconic for contributing to the building of the health and wellness center, and have a room named after them at the renovated Fenton Community Center.

Gonder is being honored as Lake

Fenton's Teacher of the Year. He had an impressive college career at Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Music degree in 2002, and Eastern Michigan University, Master of Art in 2007, Specialist of Arts in 2010, and has completed the coursework for a doctorate in Educational Leadership.

Gonder is a proficient musician with multiple instruments including flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, horn, trombone, tuba, and percussion. He has performed for President Bill Clinton, The Florida Citrus Bowl, Orange Bowl, Kentucky Derby, and Indianapolis 500 Festival parades among many other events.

After graduating from Michigan State University in December 2002, Gonder was hired as a music teacher by Lake Fenton. In his 15-plus years of enthusiastic teaching, student participation in all music programs has increased dramatically. The ensembles of Lake Fenton High School since 2002 have performed in more than 30 events, including at the Detroit Pistons and Tiger games, Michigan State University homecoming parade, Detroit Thanksgiving and Disney Magic Kingdom parades.

Just as impressive are the academic achievements of his students. Since 2002 the Lake Fenton band and choirs have graduated a West Point Military Academy graduate, a National Merit Scholar, seven high school valedictorians, and more than half of Lake Fenton High School's Top 10 Honors students.

Other than being with his wife, Holly,

Former Fenton businessman laid to rest

■ Community in mourning after Jim Hall, former owner of Hall Chrysler, dies

By Sally Rummel

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The Golden Rule was always important to Jim Hall, 52, well-known local businessman, who died unexpectedly on Friday, April 14 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Family and friends, many who drove their Chrysler and Jeep vehicles as a sign of loving support, attended visitation on Monday and his funeral on Tuesday. Cremation will take place following Mass.

The former owner of Hall Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram in Fenton, Hall sold the business he had owned since 2005 to LaFontaine Automotive Group 10 months ago. He worked closely with his brother, Tim Hall, who served as the dealership's manager, building a successful dealership. Together, along with staff, they earned numerous awards for customer satisfaction and service.

Hall was always proud of his Catholic upbringing, which included

education at Birmingham Brother Rice High School, and an active faith life at Holy Family Catholic Church in Grand Blanc. He believed strongly in treating others the way he wanted to be treated.

He was also a dedicated family man, enjoying time spent with his wife, Jennifer, and daughters, Lindsay, Ashley and Lauren. In fact, it was his love and pride for his family that made the purchase of the local Chrysler dealership possible 12 years ago.

"The owner already had a deal and a deposit from another guy interested in buying the dealership," said Hall, in a Times story from Aug. 28, 2015. "But he had the letter I had sent with a photo of my family in a folder on his desk and said that it so impacted him, he sent the check back to the other guy and told me he wanted to do business with me."

Other survivors include his mother, Louise Hall of West Bloomfield and siblings, Louise, Kathy, Dan, Tim and Jerry, plus many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, Hall's family asks that contributions be made to Powers Catholic High School Educational Trust Fund or the Kidney Foundation.



Jim Hall

Gonder enjoys jazz, Chicago, Spartan athletics, attending performances, and practicing voice/instruments just for fun.

The Lake Fenton Foundation dinner

is 6 p.m. on May 13 at Spring Meadows Country Club in Linden. Tickets are \$50 per person; call Jerry Ragsdale (810) 694-0003 for reservations by May 6.

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Happy Earth Day

■ Annual environmental awareness day started with an oil spill and river fire

By Hannah Ball

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Saturday, April 22 is the biggest day of the year to celebrate the ground you walk on.

Earth Day has been celebrated nationwide every year on April 22 since the 1970s, and is now a worldwide event.

Before the 1970s, there was little public regard for the welfare of the environment. Factories released smoke into the environment without fear of legal consequences or bad press, and air pollution was commonly accepted, according to earthday.org.

However, in 1962 Rachel Carson's book "Silent Spring" became a New York Times bestseller. It focused

on the environment and importance of protecting living organisms, the earth, and the links between pollution and public health.

In 1969, on the beaches of Santa Barbara, California, an oil spill from a Unocal Oil Company offshore rig in January soiled approximately 30 miles of coastline. It killed birds and other wildlife.

Then came the fire. In June 1969, the Cuyahoga River in Cleveland, Ohio, a

river polluted with oily wastes, chemicals and debris, caught fire.

The oil spill encouraged Gaylord Nelson, then a U.S. Senator from Wisconsin, to start Earth Day. He used the river fire as a poster image.

On April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans rallied and walked in streets, parks and auditoriums to demonstrate in support of a healthy, sustainable environment, according to earthday.org. This movement showed a rare political alignment—both Republican and Democratic politicians and civilians supported these efforts.

The same year, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was established on

Dec. 2 and the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species Act passed.

The agency is the governing body involved in federal environmental research, monitoring, standard-setting and enforcement activities to en-

sure environmental protection, according to epa.gov.

The EPA is the reason we have clean air and water.

In 1990, the movement went global. Earth Day was celebrated by 200 million people in 141 countries. This movement helped pave the way for the 1992 United Nations earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro.

All of these efforts helped bring environmental issues to the global stage.

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Earth Day is celebrated on April 22 every year, with organizations hosting several annual events aimed at promoting awareness about environmental issues, such as the Shiawassee River clean up in the summer.

Senator Nelson received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest honor given to civilians in the U.S., from President Bill Clinton.

In three years, on April 22, 2020, Earth Day will celebrate its 50th anniversary.

Celebrate locally

To honor of Earth Day, you can attend MI Earth Day Fest on April 21-23, with a wide variety of exhibits and activities in Rochester. Admission is free. Doors are open Friday 4-8 p.m., Saturday 10-6 p.m., and Sunday 10-4 p.m.

In Lansing, you can attend Earth Day Extravaganza at the Fenner Nature Center Saturday, April 22. This event will feature educational programs about plants and animals.

Michigan State University students are hosting MSU Student Organizations' Earth Day Saturday, April 22 at the Valley Court Park. The event is open to everyone and will feature information and activities about the environment.

Source: earthday.com, michigan.gov

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHO BLAMES DONALD Trump for not wanting to live in the White House? It has been degraded these past few years so terribly. Take 9/11 for instance. A treasonous, abominable act of two presidents and their cabinets. There's no doubt that this was an inside act to get laws passed.

THANK GOD FOR Donald Trump, a righteous man who knows that it's not right to take their tax dollars and pay for the murderous activity of abortion. I've seen it with my own eyes.

PLEASE DO SOMETHING with the vacant property at Caroline and Adelaide streets. We walk by it a few times a week and it really takes away from the city. It is dangerous and looks bad.

HOW CAN YOU dimwits continue to say that all local police and fire department personal are 9/11 heroes. That's completely wrong. Your 9/11 heroes are the ones in New York at the time the Twin Towers went down. Those are not all heroes. They are fire department personnel and police.

MANY OF US dislike the Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch because he comes from a school of thought that thinks corporations have the same legal rights as people, but that pregnant women and homosexuals do not have those rights.

THIS IS A warning to the people living south of Fenton in the Denton Hill and Rohn Road area. He is using drugs to manipulate and kill domestic animals. This has been an ongoing practice.

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Surprise! Crowdfunding for money gaining popularity

■ Dozens of online sites allow anyone to ask for donations

By Vera Hogan

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While GoFundMe.com is probably the most recognizable crowdfunding site online, there are literally dozens of sites aimed at helping people make some needed cash fast.

They include Indiegogo, Kickstarter, Crowdfunder, Crowdrise, RocketHub, YouCaring, Fundable, Kiva, GiveForward and many more.

These sites collect funds for medical expenses, funeral costs, mission trips and much more for people with critical needs.

ABOUT GOFUNDME

GoFundMe is a crowdfunding platform that allows users to raise money for a wide variety of personal causes, including medical bills, special events, and even for animals and pets.

According to the company's website, they've helped thousands of people raise over \$160 million over the past three years.

Founded in 2010 and based out of San Diego, California, GoFundMe has been featured on CNN, Forbes, New York Times, and TIME, and has an A rating with the Better Business Bureau, based on just one complaint in three

years. Overall, it appears GoFundMe has a relatively positive online reputation.

HOW GOFUNDME WORKS

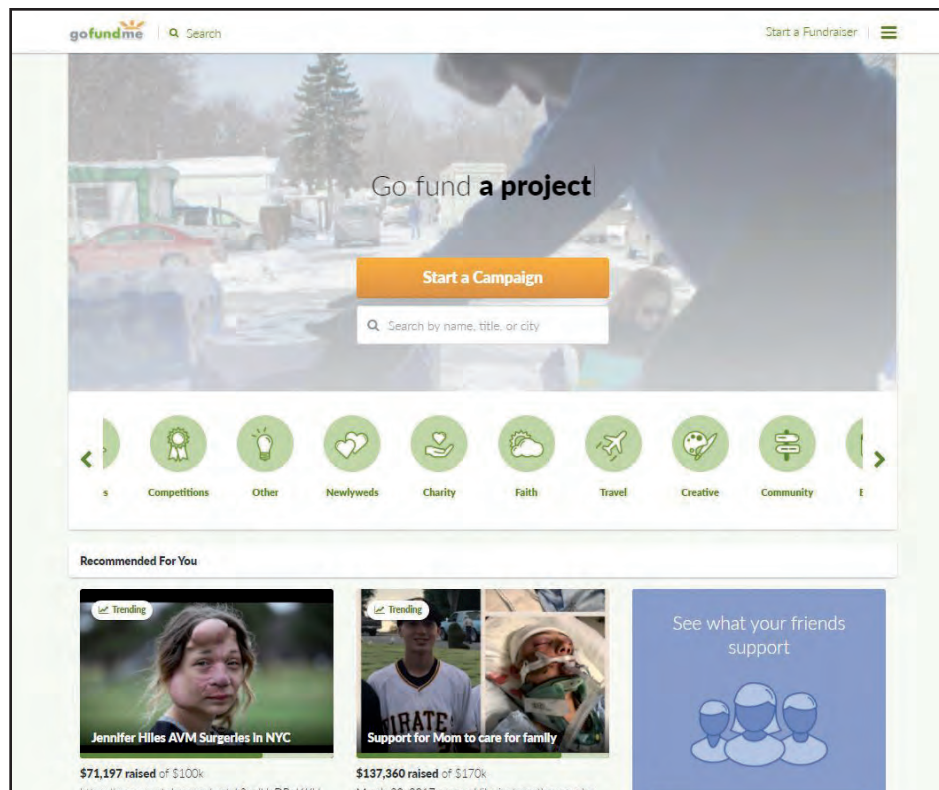
Similar to Kickstarter and Indiegogo, GoFundMe is an online crowdfunding destination that helps people raise money for something in which they strongly believe.

When compared to their competition, GoFundMe allows users to raise money for almost anything they want — including school tuition, medical bills, business ideas, travel expenses, even for animals and pets — as long as it's not illegal and doesn't contain inappropriate content, according to highya.com.

GoFundMe states that getting a personal crowdfunding campaign underway takes less than a minute, and there are no required deadlines or time limits. Depending on the type of campaign chosen, users can even keep all their donations, even if they don't reach the ultimate goal.

From start to finish, the GoFundMe process entails four primary steps: Create a GoFundMe site. Share the site with friends and family, invite contacts, and post to social media sites to garner traffic. Collect online donations, and track results.

While it's completely free to create a fundraising campaign, GoFundMe will deduct a 5-percent fee from each donation and the user will be charged a 2.9 percent plus 30-cent fee from WePay for each payment requested. All online donations processed through GoFundMe are



completely secure and money withdrawals can happen whenever the user likes, subject to the fees.

When ready to withdraw money, one simply provides their bank account information and the money will be deposited within five to seven business days. Alternately, GoFundMe can send a paper check, though this obviously takes longer.

PROS OF GOFUNDME

- It has helped individuals raise more than \$160 million.
- It is completely free to start and run a campaign.
- Campaign topics are completely

open, as long as they're not promoting anything illegal or contain inappropriate content.

- You get to keep your donations even if you don't reach your goal.
- You can withdraw funds from your campaign whenever you like.
- Customer support appears to be very active.

CONS TO GOFUNDME

- High fees when compared to other crowdfunding sites
- Several complaints of poor customer service

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MARIJUANA

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processors, transporters, provisioning centers, and safety compliance facilities. The new law took effect December 2016, but has a built-in delay of implementation until December 2017.

Broecker said currently, when people ask about medical marijuana facilities, the township does not necessarily have an answer about whether it allows them because the township hasn't adopted a resolution in support of or against medical marijuana facilities.

Treasurer John Tucker said, "There is a lot of discussion in the business community in a broad sense about this licensing opportunity. There's a lot of stuff going on behind the scenes. People you'd be surprised to hear about are looking into it," he said.

He's gotten a lot of questions about the Act and what the township will do about it.

"I don't think Fenton Township is

really interested in any of these kinds of facilities, but there is some potential, I think, under legislation for some tax revenue and that would probably be the only reason we'd want to consider it," he said.

He said all the potential effects are pure speculation at this point.

Tucker's initial reaction was that

Fenton Township is a different kind of township, and that they probably would forego that potential tax revenue to not allow marijuana facilities.

"It's hard to make a judgment in this state in the game because you don't know anything, but my gut reaction was I would probably do nothing.

That's what I think

the residents would want," he said.

Township Attorney Jack Belzer said if the Township does not act on the resolution, marijuana facilities are not allowed. He said he's not convinced the township would make money from a potential medical marijuana facility.

“There is a lot of discussion in the business community in a broad sense about this licensing opportunity. There's a lot of stuff going on behind the scenes.”

John Tucker

Fenton Township treasurer

REZONING

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has changed his request to include some animals.

The letter explained the history and why. Because the request has changed, it has come back to the Planning Commission for a public hearing. The letter stated that the orchard is the desired primary use for this almost 100 acres, however, White asked for flexibility so that later if he chose he would be able to have a limited number of animals.

During the public hearing, several residents spoke in favor of the AG zoning, but took exception with the animals. Joe Janis of Swanee Beach stated concerns about the animals wandering from the property.

Sandy Easler, also of Swanee Beach, supported the request and said she felt this is a wonderful way to preserve the land. She also noted that she has animals that are fenced and managed so that they do not leave the property.

George Dyball, president of the Lake Fenton Property Owners Association stated concerns about the level of Lake Fenton. He said there is a weir that drains to and through this property that is critical to maintaining an optimum level of the lake. He said this year as in the past beavers are believed to obstruct the flow away from the lake. He said currently there are no provisions for easements to provide a way to maintain the waterway. He stated concerns about alterations to this land that could affect the drain system.

Maria Kunze of Swanee Beach expressed concerns about the animals and the fact that the township does not require the animals to be contained within a fence. Roberta Hopkins of Swanee Beach echoed those concerns about the animals and their ability to wander from this property.

Andrea Bennett of Grove Park worries about the animals being very close to her backyard. Joanne Monahan, also of Grove Park, stated a fence should be required by the ordinance. Others also spoke to their concerns about the animals. Planners talked about the conditions needing to include pens for the animals for setbacks from existing homes. Odors, the possibility of spreading manure and the effect this will have on water quality were also mentioned.

Planning Commission Chairman John Tucker explained that the township cannot negotiate the conditions, they have to be offered by the applicant. He agreed that additional conditions could mitigate the concerns.

Sanford asked the Planning Commission to postpone its decision to allow him

to present the concerns to his employer. The matter was postponed until the next regular meeting of the Planning Commission on May 11, which will be White's third time before the commission.

At the February Planning Commission meeting, White explained that it is his desire to preserve the property in its natural state. 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. At that time, White offered a condition to the AG zoning classification to restrict the use of the property for an orchard only.

White noted that the property is approximately 50 percent high, dry land. 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.

White said, when asked by Tucker, that hayrides, a pumpkin patch and some farm animals may be in the distant future but he is only asking to use the property for an orchard.

"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," White said later. "I want to preserve the natural beauty of the property."

CSC

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age of 13.

The charges stem from crimes committed in Oakland County in October of 2010.

On Nov. 14, 2016, Dennis pleaded "no contest" to the first-degree CSC charges in Oakland County. A no contest plea is similar to a plea of guilty. A defendant who enters a no contest plea concedes the charges alleged without disputing or admitting guilt and without offering a defense.

Dennis was sentenced in Oakland County on Dec. 13, 2016. His earliest release date is Feb. 25, 2076, when he will be almost 100 years old. The maximum release date is Feb. 25, 2116.

In the meantime, Dennis still faces eight charges of first-degree CSC with a defendant under the age of 13 in Genesee County. He has a jury trial scheduled for 9 a.m. on Oct. 31 to face those charges. If found guilty of these charges, he faces life in prison.

According to Genesee County Court records, the offenses occurred on Oct. 1, 2014. Dennis reportedly assaulted someone he knew, a person under the age of 13, over a three-year period in Fenton.

It was not disclosed if the Genesee and Oakland County victim are the same individual.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHAT IN THE world is happening on (local street)? First a meth lab and now a police chase ending on that street?

HOW DO WE conservatives feel about Republicans not moving forward with hearings for Obama's Supreme Court pick? To quote your savior, 'elections have consequences.' Go suck an egg.

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FORECASTS

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accurate. Meteorologists use the term “skillful” in referring to forecast accuracy.

A one-day forecast now is typically accurate within about 2 to 2.5 degrees. In other words, when you see a forecast high of 82, the actual high will likely be between 80 and 85.

Weather predictions get less accurate when trying to predict the weather weeks or months in advance. Determining when it will rain or snow more than seven to 10 days into the future is beyond the range of predictability, according to a story about weather in the Washington Post.

Seasonal forecasts — whether it’s going to be a hot, humid summer or a cold, snowy winter — tend to be only marginally more accurate. Global weather patterns might hint at how overall conditions will compare with average months, but they aren’t always right.

Some research shows that our forecasting ‘skill’ increases by about a day per decade, said Kirttek. “This means our current seven-day forecast is as skillful as a five-day forecast was about 20 years ago.”

Has today’s weather gotten “wackier” over the decades? Kirttek says it’s perceived that way because of how weather is covered in the media. “If there are tornadoes, blizzards or flooding, the national evening news covers them much more than they ever have,” said Kirttek.

What about global warming? “It’s been a common belief that a warming Earth would lead to larger and more frequent disruptive storms of various types,”

said Kirttek. “Actually, Florida State University found that tropical cyclone development is down quite a bit over the past several years. Likewise, the number of annual tornadoes in the U.S. has also decreased, although this spring has been more active.”

As for this past February’s “wacky warm weather,” Kirttek says the weather across the entire country this past winter was due to La Niña. “While our winter was warmer and less snowy than the long-term average, it’s exactly what we would expect for a ‘La Niña’ winter.”

SUMMARY

■ Weather is always in the news and also on people’s minds. It’s one of the most common “small talk” topics, and it often makes big news when a major weather event takes place.

Here are several significant weather events from Michigan’s past

• April 6, 1886 — Detroit’s biggest snowfall on record — 24.5 inches

• Nov. 7-10, 1913 — The Great Lakes Blizzard — Port Huron and the Thumb got 2 feet of snow and 273 sailors perished on the Great Lakes in shipwrecks as winds gusted over 80 mph.

• July 7-14, 1936 Heat Wave — Detroit recorded high temperatures of 100 or higher every day of this week. Saginaw hit 111 degrees on July 13, the highest temperature ever recorded in southeast Michigan.

• June 8, 1953 Flint Beecher Tornado — the only recorded F5 tornado to ever strike southeast Michigan. It killed 116 people and injured 844 along its path.

• Jan. 26-27, 1967 — The Great Midwest Blizzard of ‘67 — the biggest snowstorm on record in Flint and Saginaw with 23.8 inches in Saginaw and 22.7 in Flint, with drifts up to 15 feet and winds over 50 mph.

• The Great Blizzard of Jan. 27-28, 1978 — about 100,000 cars were stranded on Michigan roads, halting commerce for several days.

• The Great Flood of Sept. 10-12, 1986 — this was the worst flooding ever recorded in Michigan, with rainfall totals as much as 14 inches.

• The 1988 Summer Drought and Heat — this was one of the hottest and driest on record, since the droughts of the 1930s.

• July 2, 1997 Tornado Outbreak — with 13 tornado touchdowns in Michigan.

• The July 2011 Heat Wave — the hottest month ever for Detroit, third hottest in Flint and fourth hottest in Saginaw.

Source: www.geo.msu.edu

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■■
WHOEVER COMPLAINED ABOUT older people and Social Security, they earned their money a long time ago and willingly gave it away to the government because they were suckers.

Upcoming Meetings

The **Holly Village Historic District Commission** will hold a regular meeting at **7 p.m. on Thursday, April 20** at the Karl Richter Community Center.

SUMMER

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mid-Michigan). The outlooks also call for equal chances of above, or below average rainfall.

The sun has been pretty quiet this past winter and early this spring, in terms of the number of sunspots that have occurred. Some research suggests that this may result in cooler than normal temperatures.

Because of this, I believe that our summer will end up a little wetter than normal, and temperatures may end up being a little bit below average.”

FIFTH DIMENSION

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about the creature.

Bob then steals a sleeping policeman’s revolver, and opens the window marked “Auxiliary Exit” to shoot the creature, succeeding despite the fact that he is nearly blown out of the plane himself.

Once the plane has landed, although he is whisked away in a straitjacket, a final shot reveals evidence of his claims — the unusual damage to the plane’s engine outer casing, which has yet to be discovered by mechanics.

Most episodes of The Twilight Zone can be seen on YouTube. “Everything I Need to Know I Learned in the Twilight Zone” was published on Feb. 28 of this year. It is available at Amazon and through your local book dealers.

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Fenton/Linden girls lacrosse heating up, beats two recent foes

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The Fenton-Linden girls co-op varsity lacrosse team showed the value of a strong start against Oxford.

The Heat (3-2) jumped to an eight-goal lead in the opening half and never saw Oxford threaten that lead, resulting in a 14-6 victory. The squad also took a first-half lead against the Holly/Brandon co-op on Monday, eventually earning

an 18-4 victory.

“The ladies didn’t play the most flawless of games, but everyone got to see some action,” FLAX Heat coach Roger Ellis said about the Oxford game. “But everyone got to see some action. Jessica Lynch had a strong game taking draws, and Kyle Bliss was splendid in net.”

Draws have been an issue in the Heat’s losses, but weren’t against Oxford. The Heat won 17-of-22

draws, including Lynch winning 11 of them herself. Bliss made 14 saves during the contest.

Offensively, Ellie Reuschlein was strong, scoring a team-high four goals. Skylar Parks and Alex Premo had three goals each while Kelly Kemp scored two. Lynch had one goal herself.

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Taylor Godlewski allowed just one run in the Blue Devils’ 6-1 opening game victory against Mt. Morris on Monday.

LF softball opens GAC action with Mt. Morris doubleheader sweep

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The Lake Fenton varsity softball team has made a habit out of dominating Genesee Area Conference foes in recent seasons.

That trend began on Monday this season.

The Blue Devils swept Mt. Morris 6-1 and 18-2 in a doubleheader.

In the opener, Allison Petts hit a two-run home run in the seventh inning, providing the team’s biggest shot. Haley Whittecar had an RBI-single in the sixth while Olivia Tanner drove in the game’s first run with an RBI-single in the opening inning.

On the mound, Taylor Godlewski was strong, tossing a four-hitter and walking four. She struck out eight batters.

In the nightcap the Blue Devils had 20 hits in just 36 at bats. The contest lasted just six innings, as a nine-run sixth blew the game open.

Tanner (two doubles), Ezell (double), Alli LaVallier and Mikala Hunsinger (double) had three hits each. Hunsinger also had three RBI. Kalaini Lau had an RBI-triple and a two-run double while Petts (double) and Alexis McMichael had two hits each.

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Fenton graduate and Notre Dame College football player Mitch Shegos is one of two Fenton grads who could find themselves selected in the National Football League draft on April 27 through April 29. Shegos had an outstanding career at wide receiver at Notre Dame College. The other potential NFL draft pick is Michigan kicker Kenny Allen.

First college, now NFL for Fenton grad Shegos?

■ Shegos broke many receiving records while at Notre Dame College

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When one talks to Mitchell Shegos, he sounds like he’s living his dream.

And in many ways the 2013 Fenton graduate is.

The ex-football and basketball standout at Fenton High School has just finished what may be one of the greatest individual careers on the Notre Dame College (Ohio) football team. As soon as his sophomore season, Shegos started breaking NCAA records, and the wide receiver capped his career with just about every receiving record imaginable with

the Falcons.

And while he may have completed his college football career last fall, he’s not quite done with the game just yet. In fact, he may be seeing another door opening, a door that could take him to a career in the National Football League. Some reports have him projected to be selected as high as the fourth round while others have him lower in the draft, or even as a free agent. No matter what happens, it’s looking pretty good that Shegos may be spending the late portion of the summer trying to make an NFL squad.

Indeed, life has been going well for Shegos.

“Oh man, everything has been great here,” Shegos said.

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Fenton, Holly finish 1-2 at preseason Metro League boys golf meet

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The Fenton varsity boys golf team made a pretty impressive statement to the Flint Metro League at the pre-season meet held at Fenton Farms, Monday.

Fenton not only won the meet, but

pretty much destroyed the competition, posting a team score of 326 strokes. The score beat second-place Holly who posted a pretty impressive 353 of its own. Linden also competed and finished sixth with a 379.

The Tigers were the main story. First-year varsity boys head coach Kurt

Herbstreit had to enjoy his first Metro meet with the guys, as Fenton’s Patrick Conroy and Tait Shaltz tied for medalist honors with 80s. Conroy had 40s on both the front nine and back nine, while Shaltz had a 36 on the back nine and a 44 on the front nine.

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Holly soccer earns first win of season vs. Owosso, 6-0

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The Holly varsity girls soccer team was off to a reasonably slow start to the season, losing its first three games.

However, it looks like that slow start may be over after playing in the team's first home game of the season.

The Lady Bronchos (1-3) scored six goals in a 6-0 victory against Owosso, a school who will be Metro League members starting with the 2017-18 academic school year.

The first goal was provided by Ashlee Long when she buried a shot five minutes into the game off of a Payton Price assist. From there, it was all Holly. Before the night was over, Sami Hild had two goals and an assist.

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Payton Price (right) shields the ball from a foe in a past contest. Holly defeated Owosso on Monday 6-0.

Fenton girls track place second at Davison; Boys come home in fourth

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The Fenton track programs entered the Davison Shake Off the Rust Meet, and it looks like they did more than shake off the rust.

It looks like the programs may already be well-oiled machines.

The Fenton girls placed second while the Fenton boys took fourth in the 20-team meet.

The Fenton girls had two individual champions and had one school record fall. Madaline Hall won the 100 (13.08), while Hannah Chapin took the top spot in the freshman 400 (1:05.88). A school record was posted by Cambria Tiemann

who took fourth in the 1,600 (5:20.94). The Fenton boys had one champion. Zach West won the 200 (22.8), while the 800 relay team of John Sage, Keegan Pombier, Ethan Pyeath and West came mighty close, taking second (1:32.86).

Other individuals placing fifth or better for the Fenton boys were: Dominic Dimambro, third in the 800 (2:02.81); Chanse Setzke, third in the long jump (19-10 1/2); Drew Miller, third in the high jump (5-8); Pombier, fifth in the 400 (54.01); and Peter Kennings in the 300 hurdles (44.94).

The girls had three others place fifth or better individually.

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State-ranked Holly tennis does well at Forest Hills Northern tournament

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The Holly varsity girls tennis team is off to a pretty strong start after going 2-1-1 against foes at the Forest Hills Northern Tournament on Saturday.

The sixth-ranked Bronchos defeated Mason and Petoskey by 6-2 scores and also tied second-ranked in D2 Forest Hills Northern 4-4. The Bronchos' only loss came against No. 5 in Division 1 Ann Arbor Pioneer 5-3. Holly

finished with 16 points. "We have learned a lot in the first couple of weeks, including the potential we have when everyone is invested in the team and there to support one another," Holly varsity girls tennis coach Will Sophiea said. "As a very young team, we know there will be some highs and lows, and we are simply focused on improving each and every day."

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Eagles capture Chelsea Invitational tournament title, beat John Glenn

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The Linden varsity girls soccer team started the season with a tough 1-0 loss against the Fenton Tigers.

But since then, the Eagles have been on fire.

The Eagles improved to 5-1 overall with three wins at the Chelsea Invitational, capturing the tournament title, and an 8-0 victory against Bay City John Glenn.

Linden defeated tournament hosts Chelsea 2-1, DeWitt 3-1 and New Boston Huron 4-0.

"Since our first game, we've grown a little bit," Linden varsity girls soccer coach Kevin Fiebernitz said. "The first game we gave up only one shot in the second half and it ended up being a goal, but beyond that we've been all right."

"We played a very tough DeWitt team that had a kid come back from a national team, and we did very well there. Other teams we played were solid teams as well. We are moving forward and doing all right."

While Linden (4-1) is playing a lot of game and getting a lot of wins in the process, Fiebernitz admits it is getting a bit taxing. Linden played four games on Saturday, travelled to Bay City John Glenn on Monday, hosting Farmington on Tuesday and then travel to the Saginaw Heritage Showcase on Saturday.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | KLARI FREDERICK
Audrey Steiert protects the ball during a recent contest. The Linden varsity girls soccer team is 5-1 overall.

"This weekend we wore out toward the end," Fiebernitz said. "Even though we did well, you could tell we have an issue with fitness. But it is not where we start, but where we finish. That's our goal. We want to have a strong finish. We also want to stay healthy. That's the other big thing."

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SOFTBALL

► **New Boston Huron 7, Linden 1:** New Boston Huron scored six runs in the bottom of the second inning, leading the squad by Linden. The Eagles scored a run in the seventh inning. Sterling DeGayner singled and eventually scored on a ground out by Coryn Reger. DeGayner led the offense with two hits while Kim Freitas hit a double. Jillian Widner tossed 4 1/3 innings of shutout relief, striking out three.

BOYS LACROSSE

► **Fenton/Linden 16, Holly/Brandon 2:** Dylan Miesch had five goals and Luke White had four, leading the Fenton/Lin-

den program to the win. White also had two goals and four assists while Bobby Temple had three assists. Joe Loria had 10 saves in net.

BOYS GOLF

► **Fenton JV 198, Clio JV 262:** The Fenton Tigers were led by Addison McIntosh's 46 while J.P. McArdle had a 49. Mitchell Cairnduff shot a 51 and Logan Lake shot a 52.

GIRLS TENNIS

► **Fenton 6, Mason 2:** Fenton's Jessica Pierce (No. 3 singles) won her match in straight sets while Kasey Walsh (No. 4 singles) won a tight three-set match.

DUELING PIANOS

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for possibly thousands of seniors in the tri-county area.

Program Director Melinda Elmore-Hajek estimates the event raised \$2,500, which is to help cover the \$100,000 gap between the approximate \$270,000 in millage funds they collect, and the \$350,000 or more that they need for the general fund.

But budgets were the furthest thing from the minds of the 182 guests in the room. They were focused on the musical comedy happening before them.

Dueling pianos isn't really how it sounds. "The dueling part is with the audience," said pianist Noel Leaman of Saginaw. "It's all crowd participation. We make the crowd part of the show."

Said Leaman's counterpart Dan Louisell of Grand Rapids, "The more we can get the crowd to do, the less we actually have to do." He's kidding, but not really.

"Whatever we can do to not play an entire song, whatever we can do to

interrupt it, we'll do it."

Comedic breaking, props, and genre-hopping are all part of the show, but most importantly, getting the crowd involved.

One side of the room belonged to Leaman, while the other side belonged to Louisell. They ramped up the competition between the two sides, which included using cash to annoy the other side or requesting the fight song for the University of Michigan, when Louisell is a Michigan State fan.

While the idea is to make everyone laugh, the two performers are dynamite musicians, ripping through popular crowd-pleasing songs, seamlessly nailing their comedic timing.

This event was a bit of an experiment for Loose, which Executive Director Carl Gabrielson and Elmore-Hajek agreed was a success. "People came in and left feeling so good about the night," she said. "It was just fun."

Elmore-Hajek said there are 5,860 enrolled at Loose, who can partake in more than 130 programs, which include cards, yoga, Zumba and others.

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Melinda Elmore-Hajek
Loose Center program director

“It's all crowd participation. We make the crowd part of the show.”

Noel Leaman
Pianist



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Patrons and employees left in the middle of Easter Sunday dinner due to smoke in the kitchen. The restaurant has been closed since. Multiple fire departments were on scene, and holes were cut in the roof to find the source of the smoke.

FENTON HOTEL

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electrical equipment, so that the rest of the building can safely have power restored.

"We're definitely going to need a new roof," said owner Nick Sorise. He believes the kitchen equipment, aside from the cooler, seems OK.

As of press time, management didn't have an estimate for the extent of repairs needed, or a time frame for being closed.

"When we're going to open again, who knows," he said Sunday, watching the firefighters work.

On Monday, manager Dan Hammerberg and lead bartender Joe Shafer rounded up all the bottles of wine and liquor and locked them in storage.

Sorise said he is worried about his employees. "That's my biggest concern. You're only as good as the people around you. If this is an extensive shut down, who knows how many will stick around, you know?"

Sorise said that the business will not open until the kitchen does. "If we can't do it right, we're not going to open."

The 161-year old restaurant will be closed for an extended period, possibly for the first time since the Great Depression.

There was a minor disruption during a loss of power on Mother's Day, more than 10 years ago, and a small electrical fire shut the restaurant down for only a day in 2008. Sorise said there was a fire that damaged the upper floors in the 1960s.

The fire began before 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 16. The Fenton Fire Department responded, and sought mutual aid from Linden, Holly, Fenton Township and Grand Blanc fire departments, while the Mundy Township Fire department was on standby to cover the city of Fenton during the incident.

The fire began in the roof above the kitchen, which was discovered after nine holes were cut.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation, but has been ruled accidental.

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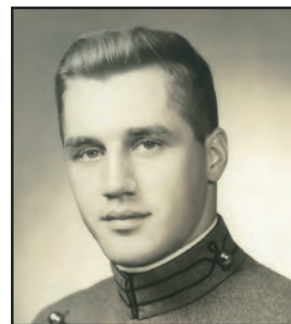
James Ray Loomis - age 84, of Fenton, died Saturday, April 15, 2017. Funeral services will be 11 AM Thursday, April 20, 2017 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Interment will be in Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Rd, Holly. Visitation will be 2-8 PM Wednesday, April 19, 2017 and 10-11 AM Thursday. Those desiring may make contributions to Crohn's & Colitis Foundation or Disabled American Veterans. James was born September 3, 1932 in Farmington Township, the son of James Ray and Matilda Ida (Landrie) Loomis. He married Donna Johnson on May 29, 1971. James served in the U.S. Navy for 23 years and retired as an Aviation Ordnanceman Master Chief Petty Officer. He worked for the United States Postal Service in Salinas, CA. He loved golfing, fishing, and bowling. Surviving are: his beloved wife of over 45 years, Donna; two children, Teresa (John) Yee of Farmington Hills and Robert Loomis of Shelby Township; five grandchildren, Amy, Adam, AJ, Rebecca, and Heather; five great-grandchildren; sister, Janet Boyce; and brother, Patrick Loomis. He was preceded in death by: his parents and several siblings. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Patrick Norman Uebel, Sr.

1934-2017

Patrick Norman Uebel, Sr. - age 82, of Tucson, AZ, formerly of Fenton, died peacefully at his home on Wednesday, February 15, 2017. He was born on November 11, 1934 in Bellevue, KY, the son of Norman and Sarah (Phillips) Uebel. He is survived by his loving wife, Elisabeth; children, Patrick (Julie) Uebel, Lynne (Douglas) Watters, and Holly (Robert) Rougeau; grandchildren, Maggie (Matthew) Sabo, Jarrod Rougeau, Max Watters, and Marta Watters. He was preceded in death by his parents, and sister, Doris Rieman. He grew up in northern Kentucky, and graduated from Bellevue High School. He was an outstanding athlete, lettering 18 times in his high school career. Pat graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1956 with a degree in Civil Engineering. He was proud to have been recruited to play football for Army by Vince Lombardi; he played for four years, serving as captain his senior year. After serving three years in the Army, Pat worked for Sun Oil Refining & Marketing, retiring in 1990. He was an avid outdoorsman, camping and canoeing in the Canadian wilderness, backpacking in the Wyoming mountains, and cycling across Arizona. In 1992 he cycled solo from Washington State to Maine. He was involved with several Arizona cycling clubs; when not riding himself, he provided assistance to other cyclists with bicycle repair on the road. He was also a skilled craftsman and builder. A private family service will be held in Kentucky.



Harry Joseph Harden

1918-2017

Harry Joseph Harden - age 98, of Linden, died Monday, April 3, 2017 at Caretel Inns in Linden. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Thursday, April 20, 2017 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery. Visitation will be held 2-4 and 6-8 PM Wednesday, April 19, 2017. Those desiring may make contributions to The Thin Blue Line. Harry was born in Durand, MI on July 8, 1918, the son of Will and Elizabeth (Hoerauf) Harden. He graduated from Durand High School in 1935. He married Juanita Behlow in Angola, Indiana in 1940. Together they had one son, Tim. Juanita preceded him in death in 1976. Harry worked at Ford Motor Company in Detroit before enlisting in the Navy during World War II. After his service he and his brother, Floyd, partnered to build the Durand Post Office and Library, and many houses in Durand. He then partnered with his brother-in-law, Jack Easton, to start Durand Equipment and Manufacturing. In 1977, Harry married Dorothy (Doris) Hickman. They enjoyed living at Silver Lake and wintering in Florida. He will be missed by: his wife, Dorothy; his children, Tim (Kay), Rosemary (Brian) DuBois, and Sue Lanning; grandchildren, Leslie (Kirk) Telford, Wendy (Terry) Greig, Jay (Penny) Harden, Jim (Bobby) Harden, Amy Maul, Bill (Rachel) Lanning, Todd (Cristi) Lanning; many great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren, Madison and Daxton; sister, Elaine Andrews; sister-in-law, Georgine Easton; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Ernest and Floyd Harden; brothers-in-law, Jack Easton, Robert Andrews, John and Warren Davis; sisters-in-law, Audrey Easton and Patricia Harden; son-in-law, Bill Lanning; sisters, Lela VanBuren and Lola Welch. The family extends a special thank you to Comfort Keepers, Caretel Inns and Reverence Hospice.



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ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
The Lamb loves to be surrounded by flocks of admirers. But be careful that someone doesn't take his or her admiration too far. Use your persuasive skills to let him or her down easily.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
This is a good time to begin setting far-reaching goals and connecting with new contacts. Aspects also favor strengthening old relationships -- personal and/or professional.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
A personal disappointment should be viewed as a valuable learning experience. Go over what went wrong and see where a change in tactics might have led to a more positive outcome.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Don't leave projects unfinished or personal obligations unresolved, or you might find yourself tripping over all those loose ends later on. A relative has important news.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
Expect a challenge to the usual way you do things. Although you might prefer the tried-and-true, once you take a good look at this new idea, you might feel more receptive to it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Much work has yet to be done to polish a still-rough idea into something with significant potential. Expect to encounter some initial rejection, but stay with it nonetheless.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
There still might be some communication problems in the workplace, but they should be resolved soon. Meanwhile, that "tip" from a friend should be checked out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
A new relationship appears to need more from you than you might be willing to give right now. Best advice: Resist making promises you might not be able to keep.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
That restless feeling encourages you to gallop off into a new venture. But remember to keep hold of the reins so you can switch paths when necessary.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
A demanding work schedule keeps the high-spirited Goat from kicking up his or her heels. But playtime beckons by the week's end. Have fun. You earned it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
You're beginning to come out from under those heavy responsibilities you took on. Use this freed-up time to enjoy some much-deserved fun with people close to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)
Before you get swept away by a tidal wave of conflicting priorities, take time to come up for air, and reassess the situation. You might be surprised by what you'll find.

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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