

'The Horizon' is getting closer

■ Construction on new downtown building will begin early July

By Vera Hogan

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The wait is just about over. Construction on The Horizon Building at the corner of Silver Lake Road and N. LeRoy Street is set to begin

in just a couple of weeks.

Rhoads & Johnson Construction of Fenton will be building the 23,500-square-foot, three-story structure. The building is going to be owned

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

On Wednesday, the construction trailer was set up at the site of The Horizon Building at Silver Lake Road and N. LeRoy Street in Fenton. The entire construction project will take approximately one year to complete.



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Happy Father's Day, times seven

■ Five biological and two adopted children keep life interesting for the Rachors

By Sally Rummel

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Dr. Jim Rachor of Tyrone Township grew up around a large family of adopted cousins and always had in his heart a desire to adopt kids.

When he and his wife Cinda's family grew with five biological children, ranging today in age from 16 to 24, adopting domestically wasn't possible, so they reached beyond U.S. borders.

The Rachor family spent 10 years of their

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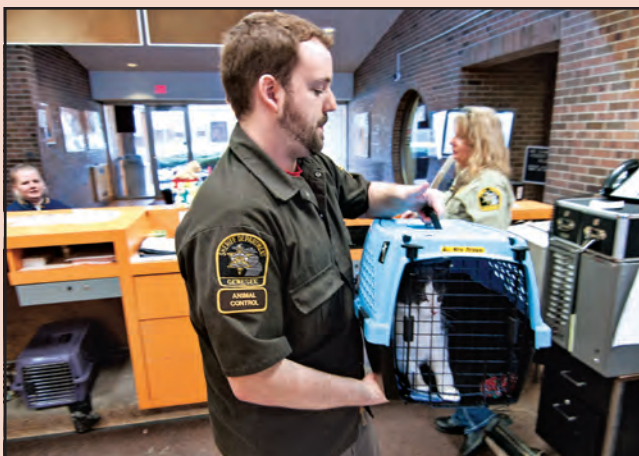
“My goal was to raise kids who could be my best friends as they got older.”

Jim Rachor, DDS
Father of seven



Jim and Cinda Rachor (center) are surrounded by their children, Amelia, Hope, Noah, Abigail, Sophia, AnnaGrace and Steve.

Local county commissioner to propose pet evaluation protocol



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

Policy changes might come to Genesee County Animal Control. The Genesee County Board of Commissioners is expecting to hear two motions pertaining to strays.

■ Outrage over euthanized stray dog prompts possible holding time changes

By Hannah Ball

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On Monday, June 19, the Genesee County Board of Commissioners is expected to hear a motion to create mandatory hold periods and implement a pet evaluation matrix at Genesee County Animal Control (GCAC).

This comes over a week after a 16-year-old dog named Capone was

See **PET** on 19A

Fenton police find unconscious man in car

■ Parole absconder in critical condition after heroin overdose

By Sharon Stone

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A 32-year-old Houghton Lake man is in critical condition at Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township, and his 29-year-old girlfriend from Merritt has been turned over to Missaukee County authorities.

Sgt. Dave Reinfelder of the Fenton Police Department said a Fenton police officer

See **HEROIN** on 18A

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“Thank you for your article on ticks. I have been infected twice by two different types of ticks, once in southeastern Michigan. I’m now disabled with chronic Lyme disease. Your story was well written and informative.”



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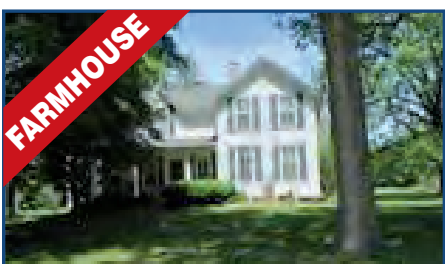
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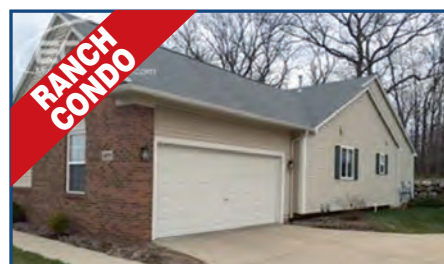
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Local dads share their insights on fatherhood

■ Best advice I can give... 'honor their mother'

—Will Stiverson

By Vera Hogan

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Today is Father's Day, a day that is celebrated worldwide to recognize the contribution that fathers and father figures make to the lives of their children.

Father's Day is celebrated on a variety of dates worldwide, but many countries, like the United States, observe this day on the third Sunday in June.

We asked some local fathers to share their thoughts on fatherhood and parenting.

Brad Wright of Fenton, vocal music teacher and music technology teacher for Fenton Area Public Schools, is the father of four children. They are Jailen, 24, Addy, 13, Macy, 11, and Joe, who is 9 years old. His wife, Jennifer, is a language arts teacher at AGS Middle



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Brad Wright is pictured here with his wife, Jennifer, who is holding Macy. Son Joe is held by Brad. Oldest daughter Jaelen is to her dad's right with Addy in front of her.

School.

"The best thing about being a father is sharing my likes and interests with my kids and having them share their likes and interests with me," said Wright. "It's also great to see glimpses of myself in my children — maybe not always in appearance but in character."

On advice for other dads, he said, "I have never regretted taking too many photos, videos or being with my kids too much. I've only regretted not being

with them. I would also add that it's not so much important what you do with your kids just as long as you make time for them."

Will Stiverson of Fenton, national director for CEO Energy, Inc. is the father of a son, Logan, who is 11 years old.

"The best thing about being a father for me is being able to serve my son," said Stiverson. "I was blessed with a great father and many father figures, who I was able to learn so much from. Having an opportunity to give that to Logan and watch him make it his own, and his own willingness to serve has been an amazing thing."

"The most important advice I can give to young fathers is to teach your son to always honor their mother," he added. "I am a single father and I have an excellent relationship with Logan's mom. Things are not always perfect, but we love Logan so much that we do our best for him."

Holly Village Councilor **Dave Cruickshank** is the father of two daughters — Meadow, 9, and Harper, who is 5 years old. His wife is Kelley, a dealership controller in Royal Oak. "She is an amazing woman and perfect yin to my yang," he said.

See **DADS** on 20A



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Dave Cruickshank poses with his daughters Meadow (left) and Harper, at the Daddy/Daughter Dance earlier this spring.



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Will Stiverson and his son, Logan, 11, are at Logan's fifth-grade party on Tuesday, June 13.

In the market for a washer and dryer?

■ Do your homework — technology changing the way we do laundry

By Sally Rummel

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How many of you actually like doing laundry?

While it's not the world's most glamorous job, having the right washer and dryer to fit your needs can take some of the dreariness out of the process.

Buying a new laundry pair offers endless choices, from stacked sets to top loaders or front loaders and features ranging from soak cycles in the washer to wrinkle controls in the dryer.

SUMMARY

■ Replacing your washer and dryer takes a little bit of research and know-how before you visit an appliance retailer.

See **LAUNDRY** on 16A



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Top-loading washers are the most efficient and best at washing clothing, compared to front-loading units, according to Tim Stone, co-owner of Sears Hometown Store in Fenton.

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Come *Heller* high water

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Dressing a pasty

Now that it's summer again and hordes of trolls (the live below the bridge kind, not the hate-spewing online kind) are headed to the U.P. on vacation, I thought I would perform a public service by helping them avoid a major food faux pas.

Namely whether to put ketchup or gravy on your pasty. (If you don't know what a pasty is then why are you reading this far?)

As a Yooper and a ketchup fan, I can assure you that if you want to fit in with the locals and not look more like a



Andrew Heller
FEATURED COLUMNIST

tourist than you already do, then use ketchup. (Not catsup. ketchup. There's a difference. I don't know what it is, but there is.)

But if you want to look like the kind of downstate-living,

slack-jaw vacation goober who wears socks with sandals and makes fun of the way Yoopers talk, then, by all means, use gravy.

Just know that if you do, all the Yoopers at the pasty stand are going to be edging their kin away from you, whispering "Stay away from the trolls, kids. What they got might be catchin'."

Oh, it's definitely catching. Downstate Michigan is practically lousy with people who don't know how to properly dress a pasty.

A few months ago, for instance, I took a poll on my website about it, and despite broad and obvious hints from yours truly that respondents should choose ketchup, most still did not. The results were thus: Thirty eight percent favored gravy, 34 percent favored ketchup, 27 percent inexplicably went with "eat them plain," and 1 percent went with, ick, sour cream.

This result puzzled me at first until I realized that most of the people who took the poll live downstate, where they think Michigan lefts are the height of traffic efficiency, the Detroit Lions are a professional football team, the Ambassador Bridge is impressive (that's

not impressive — the Mackinac Bridge is impressive) and regular toast is superior to Trenary Toast, which I assure you is not the case.

So of course these cretins picked gravy over ketchup, which, by the way, is the pasty condiment of choice for God, Yoopers, and anyone with functioning taste buds.

I don't know what to make of those who chose something other than ketchup or gravy, however.

I'm personally baffled why anyone would eat a pasty plain but one reader insisted he does so because "the miners ate them without gravy and without silverware, that's why they are shaped that way. Just pick 'em up and enjoy!"

That's a fair point, but miners also died of black lung and falling rocks, too. You gonna copy that, too?

As for the person who said sour cream — which is a far greater pasty-related crime than being a gravy-slurper — I'm sorry but we can never be friends.

Please take your tourist dollars elsewhere this year.

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HAVING A CHICKEN as a pet is 'liberal' and 'twisted?' What are you even talking about?

SOMEONE NEEDS TO make Genesee County Animal Control accountable for the death of that poor 16-year-old dog. If I were the person that took him there, I would be beside myself. If he were my dog, I would get the best lawyer money could buy. This has gone on long enough. Things need to change in that hell hole. No renovations have been done yet. We voted for that millage in 2014.

WHAT? YOU MAY bring your dog in outdoor dining areas? Next people will want to bring their pet chickens, pigs etc. Come on people, get a grip. You'll survive without your pets near your side, or eat on your own deck.

AARP WARNED SENIORS about Republican Congress that just passed a healthcare bill that AARP calls 'age tax' on seniors. It discriminates against seniors with pre-existing conditions and could cost up to \$13,000 for those 50 to 64. Twenty-two million will lose their insurance.

I'M WITH YOU, Vera. We love our dog too, but would not bring him to a public restaurant to have him beg and pester other people. Dog lovers need to respect others around them.

THERE MUST BE consistent rules at Genesee County Animal Control. Capone is not the first stray put down before stray holding time was up, he was the first anyone cared about. It is easy to lose your compassion when dealing with the horrific things these people must face daily. There must be rules that are followed, period.

WHEN I READ that article about the 16-year-old dog that was euthanized I was sick to my stomach, and I'm not an animal nut. The guy in charge needs to be fired. I only hope Drew Shapiro can do something about it.

TO ALL GENESEE County commissioners: We want justice for Capone and his family.

OBAMA IS 6-feet, 1-inch tall. Admit it, Trump and Obama both leaned over to receive the gift.

IF YOU DESPISED draft dodgers but voted for Trump and are trying to justify it, your views are the ones that mean 'nada.' Also, Reagan was a terrible president. Enroll in a history course.

I LOVE LIVING in the sweet small town of Linden. Now it's starting to look more like a larger city with a Dollar General and Taco Bell. What's next? Cash advance store, bail bonds, pawnshop, strip club. Please bring in more small unique businesses and restaurants.

TO THE PERSON calling all Democrats pedophiles. You said you used to be a Democrat. Once a pedophile always a pedophile. Think before you speak.

A FRIEND AND I got to briefly chat with Fenton Police Officer Cross. I enjoyed our chat.

FENTON CITY COUNCILMAN Dave McDermott, please run for mayor.

TO THE RUDE Hot-liner about the DPW building being called 'less bland.' Let's see if you know half the knowledge Les Bland does about this city. He served this city for over 41 years. How long have you worked for the city? Yeah, I thought so.

BILL NYE 'THE Science Guy' graduated from Cornell with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. If the Hot-liner who claimed he had 'no degree in any science' couldn't take 30 seconds to look that up, why should we listen to their clearly uninformed opinion on climate change?

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

What (made) makes your dad so special?

Compiled by William Hogan

streettalk



"He let me do whatever I wanted. He was pretty lenient."

Ray Parks
Fenton



"He was fair with us in every way. He was a Justice of the Peace."

Beverly Welch
Holly



"The fact that he puts his kids first. With five kids, he always put us before himself."

Demitri Mitri, Jr.
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"He championed women."

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"My dad has a great work ethic. He puts his family first and helps not only people but animals, too."

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Q: I have a 2004 Chevy Silverado 2500 HD truck. It loses 70% of its power when the gas level drops below 1/4 tank and the gas pump will shut off repeatedly until fuel level exceeds 1/4 tank then it pumps fine. What could be the problem? - Larry

A: Larry, First off you will need to have a fuel pressure gauge hooked up to the vehicle while driving to make sure it is a fuel problem. You will see the fuel pressure drop when the vehicle acts up and you are under load. If this happens, you will also need a volt meter or lab scope. This is to make sure that you have a good 12 volts or higher on the positive side of the pump and 0 volts on the ground side of the pump. The reason for this is to confirm weather it is indeed a pump and not an electrical problem. It sounds like a bad fuel pump, but you should always test the electrical before replacing. Don't forget to replace the fuel filter and strainer filter with the pump as well.

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Senate Bill 343: Give students government predictions related to careers

To require school districts to give students a regional "career outlook" forecast document created by a government "Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives." This would be part of a process that seventh-graders must undergo of creating an "educational development plan" with school officials.

Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☒ YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) ☒ YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) ☒ YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ☒ YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ☒ YES

Senate Bill 297: Mandate electrician have proof of licensure while on job

To mandate that an electrician on a job must show a government official or inspector a photo ID and evidence of licensure status if ordered.

Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☒ YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) ☒ YES
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Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ☒ YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ☒ YES

House Bill 4457: Authorize new energy debt scheme for colleges and universities

To include state colleges and universities in a scheme authorized by a 2016 law for counties, which lets them contract with vendors for energy efficiency projects, and pay for these with money the projects are supposed to save (or from regular tax revenue if savings don't appear).

Passed 108 to 0 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) ☒ YES
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES

House Bill 4416: Allow law-abiding citizens to carry pistol without special permit

To establish that a person who is not prohibited by law from possessing a firearm may carry a gun in public including a concealed pistol. In other words, the bill would eliminate the requirement for a law-abiding citizen to get a special permit to carry a concealed pistol.

Passed 59 to 49 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) ☒ YES
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES

House Bill 4636: Criminalize female genital mutilation of minors

To make it a crime subject to 15 years in prison to perform a clitoridectomy, infibulation, or other female genital mutilation on person less than age 18. Claims that the procedure is required by custom or ritual would be explicitly excluded as a defense to prosecution. Related bills would ban transporting a girl for this purpose, authorize lawsuits from victims, and permanently revoke the license of a medical professional convicted of this. Rose Mary Robinson (D-Detroit) and Martin Jowrylak (R-Troy) voted against the bill.

Passed 105 to 2 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) ☒ YES
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES

Free speech on college campuses

By Hannah Ball

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While I attended Western Michigan University, a guy would stand at the flagpoles and shout that everyone besides Bible-thumping Christians were going to hell. Many believed this was an attempt to get people to hit him so he could sue the university.

The first amendment protects hate speech, which means he, or anyone else, has the right to yell that kind of stuff. But should they?

College students have been protesting conservative speakers like Betsy DeVos, Ann Coulter and Vice President Mike Pence.

It's not news that many college students don't like President Donald Trump, nor is it new that students like to protest. With free speech, you have the right to say what you want, but you do not have the right to any platform you want, nor does it protect you from criticism.

Don't feel bad for these policy makers. Coulter gained more popularity and she's doing just fine. Same with DeVos and Pence, because at the end of the day, for as long as Trump is in office, they have the power to make policies that directly help or harm students, and U.S. students and other citizens have power in only two forms: their voice and their vote, one of which they only have the opportunity to exercise maybe once a year.

However, students at Evergreen State College have been campaigning to get a professor fired for his refusal to support a proposed Day of Absence, where white students would be banned from attending the school for a day. Google it.

The entire situation is as ridiculous as it sounds, especially when you watch the videos showing mobs of students confront and scream at multiple professors, claiming they have the right to do this because of free speech. That is not free speech — that is harassment, and it's deplorable.

The "campus free speech act" was introduced to the Michigan Senate in May, which would penalize students who infringe on another person's free speech rights. The bill is too vague and lacks proper definition, but it's surprising that congressmen are so worried about students protesting that they want to make it illegal. Keep in mind that the same amendment that guarantees free speech also guarantees assembly.

"Free speech" is not the equivalent to effective communication or constructive debates. It's a nuanced idea with no single correct answer for every scenario. People cry free speech for any and everything — the right to say you don't agree with a gay lifestyle, the right to call that person a bigot, and it goes on.

Ultimately, it's a naive excuse. You have the right to say something, yes, but that doesn't always mean you should say it.

As a fully functioning adult, you should have the mental capacity and emotional maturity to realize the difference. Having the right to say something doesn't always mean you should.



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'Internet neutrality' battle affects everyone and their computer

■ Service providers or government could manipulate speed at will

By Hannah Ball

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All internet is currently created equal, meaning internet providers cannot slow down certain websites based on content. That could change if net neutrality goes away.

"Net neutrality" is defined as "the principle that internet service providers should enable access to all content and applications regardless of the source, and without favoring or blocking particular products or websites," according to Google.

This prohibits providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon from slowing down, speeding up, or blocking websites, applications or content. It's how the internet has always run, but that could change.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) currently has jurisdiction in this area, and on May 18, the FCC voted to officially propose an order that would get rid of net neutrality.

In a statement, FCC Chairman Ajit Pai said they aim to "repeal utility-style regulation of the internet. We propose to return to the Clinton-era light-touch framework that has proven to be successful. And we propose to put technologies and engineers, rather than lawyers and accountants, at the center of the online world."

The proposal, called "Restoring Internet Freedom," would remove the classification of broadband as a telecommunications service governed by Title II of the

Telecommunications Act, which grants the FCC the power to regulate internet service providers (ISPs), according to techcrunch.com. Many of these regulations were passed in 2015.

The vote was 2-1, with Republican commissioners Mike O'Rielly and Pai voting for it, and Mignon Clyburn, the Democrat commissioner, voting against it. In a statement, she said, "If you unequivocally trust that your broadband provider will always put the public interest over their self-interest or the interest of their stockholders, then the Destroying Internet Freedom NPRM is for you..."

"It contains a hollow theory of trickle-down internet economics... suggesting that if we just remove enough regulations from your broadband provider, they will automatically improve your service, pass along discounts from

those speculative savings, deploy more infrastructure with haste, and treat edge providers fairly."

People against the FCC keeping current Net Neutrality regulations say less government regulations could help promote more competition, and there's

no evidence that shows the ISPs would slow down or speed up certain content.

However, many ISPs have a history of forcing customers to use one service over another. In 2005, Comcast, the nation's biggest ISP, was secretly blocking peer-to-peer technologies that customers

were using over its network. From 2007-2009, AT&T forced Apple to block Skype and other competing voice over internet protocol (VOIP) services on iPhones.

From 2011-2013, AT&T, Sprint, and Verizon blocked Google Wallet, a mobile

banking system that competed with a similar service called Soft Mobile Wallet, which all three companies had a stake in developing, according to freepress.com.

Pai doesn't have a lot of support in the tech or internet business, except for major telecom companies, according to techcrunch.com.

After Pai's announcement, more than 800 names in technology added their names to a letter to Pai in opposition of doing away with net neutrality regulations. The letter stated that ISPs would be able to pick "winners or losers" in the market, and could "impede traffic from our services in order to favor their own services or established competitors."

The Internet Association, whose members consist of major web company members like Amazon and Netflix, released a statement in opposition to any changes to FCC regulations net neutrality, according to npr.com.

The vote to adopt these changes will take place in August.

“We propose to return to the Clinton-era light-touch framework that has proven to be successful...”

Ajit Pai
Federal Communications
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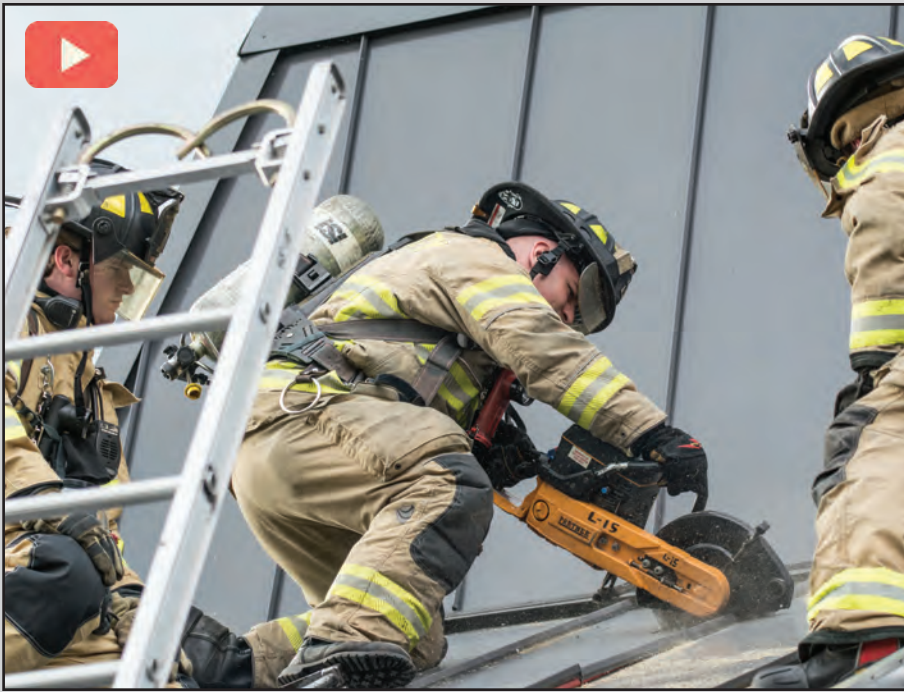
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FOR MY WIFE...
happy anniversary

HAPPY 14TH ANNIVERSARY

Little did I know about 18 years ago, the good Lord blessed me with my future wife and my best friend. Karen is my rock, my world, and my everything. This woman is perfect in every way, and I wish that I could be more like her. At times, she may not believe that I love her, but I do very much. Her two sons also think the world of her as well. This woman has faced so many things, but her spirit remains strong. Karen has given me so much to be thankful for. I love you more than you will ever know beautiful. Happy 14th Anniversary, Karen S.



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Fenton firefighters use their equipment to cut vent holes in the roof of the former Pizza Hut on Owen Road in Fenton on Thursday, June 15. The department was allowed to use the building for training purposes, and they added their own smoke for the exercise.

Firefighters train at vacant Pizza Hut building

■ Receive valuable intel before building comes down

By Tim Jagielo

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Fenton — Gas-powered circular saws sliced through metal and spit out sawdust as firefighters cut ventilation holes to practice on a commercial roof, outside of a real fire situation.

Fenton firefighters were at the Pizza Hut on Owen Road on Thursday, June 15, taking advantage of a training opportunity.

“We normally do not get to practice on something like this,” said Lt. Jeff Shook of the Fenton Fire Department. “It’s very rare.”

Firefighters numbering 18 used ground ladders, and their ladder truck to climb the pitched roof, and cut holes, which during a real fire situation would

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Who’s your daddy!

■ Meet the children of long ago Hollywood entertainers

By Vera Hogan

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With Father’s Day coming up on Sunday, here are the children of some of our favorite entertainers of all time. Can you guess who their famous daddy was? (See answers on Page 14A)



Marisa, 51, has carved her own path in the world of health and wellness through fundraising in her father’s honor. She is the founder of GRITCYCLE in Costa Mesa, California.

She was 13 years old when her father died.



Melinda, 70, is an American actress, singer and musician. She was 31 when her father died. “She got her looks from her father, he was a plastic surgeon,” was one of her

dad’s quotes. “You bet your life” was the name of his TV show.



Linda, 84, is a producer and a writer. She was 70 years old when the end of the road came for her father.



John, 56, was born four months after his famous father died. And like his father, he is an actor. But, his father never really gave a damn.



Michael, 52, is an American actor, director, writer and producer. He was 27 years old when his dad died. He is the oldest of nine of this famous actor’s

children. They probably didn’t live in a little house.



Cecilia, 59, is a film producer, director and actress. She was 25 when her famous father died. It’s a safe bet that the Hollywood ladies never

mocked her dad.



Stephen, 68, is a best-selling author and biographer. His books include “As Time Goes By” and “Play It Again.” He was only 8 years old when his famous father died.

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Despite one crash, Holly bike lanes deemed safe

■ 'Road Diet' safer for pedestrians, reduces crashes, according to report

By Tim Jagielo

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Holly — A year later, the bike lanes in Holly are a little worn. Vehicles blast by, and under the blazing noon heat, no one seems to be out on two wheels.

This season marks the first full spring and summer for the village's bike lane experiment, and according to village administration, it's so far, so good.

The Holly Village Council voted 6-1 in favor of the bike lanes in April 2016. This "Road Diet" took the two-lane road down to one, with a turning lane in the middle, and a north and southbound bike lane.

According to Holly Police Chief Michael Story, there has been one bicycle versus car crash related to the bike lanes. It was at Saginaw Street and Hubble Drive.

"In that accident the bike rider was not wearing a helmet and fortunately wasn't injured seriously," he said. "We appreciate that our bike riders and vehicle drivers have gone through the process with very little public safety issue."

The bike lanes begin at Oakland Street, and end just south of Grange Hall Road, and are less than a mile in total.

Village Manager Jerry Walker said the lanes are used daily, and the number of riders varies from individuals to entire

bike clubs.

The topic remains somewhat contentious, and was a long process to finally arrive at restriping the roads to include bike lanes.

Walker said there are still vocal detractors who don't like the lanes, but he said there are more supporters now than detractors. "I have had people who originally didn't support them tell me after experiencing them, they now do," said Walker.

He added that the safety report from Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) bears out a reduction in accidents and safer pedestrian travel.

Resident Ema Balek lives on Saginaw Street at North Street. She said personally, she would

not allow her grandchildren to ride in the bike lanes — they would use the sidewalk. She does however appreciate the buffer it gives her while cutting her lawn.

“We appreciate that our bike riders and vehicle drivers have gone through the process with very little public safety issue.”

Michael Story
Holly police chief



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Vehicles drive south on Saginaw Street in Holly on Thursday, next to the bike lane, which was installed last summer.



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The bike lanes in Holly have been in use for approximately one year. In that time, there has been one crash involving a bicycle, while using a bike lane.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■ ■ ■
YOU ARE PUTTING your fence up backwards. The nice side is supposed to face out. Look at your neighbors.

■ ■ ■
I JUST WANTED to say 'God bless you' to the man in the blue SUV that I saw on two separate occasions picking up trash along the fence line between North Road and U.S. 23. You're a good man.

■ ■ ■
THERE'S ONE THING I do like about modern technology in cars. People that want to flip you off can't flip you off because they're texting and they can't figure out the power windows.

■ ■ ■
THE 10-MONTH witch-hunt against Donald Trump is over. Having watched the Comey testimony, we know now he did not obstruct justice. He did not collude with Russia. He did not request the end of any investigation into Flynn or himself.

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CATCH OF THE WEEK



On June 8, **Paul Carswell**, 9, caught this Crappie trolling from his pontoon boat on Lake Fenton, while watching The Simpsons on YouTube. What a beautiful fish to catch and release.

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What you need to know about poison ivy

■ Remember these simple treatments for the itchy, irritating summer condition

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Leaves of three ... let it be!

OK, you didn't do that because you weren't paying attention and now you are a red, swollen, itchy, blistery miserable mess... you have poison ivy. After about a week, the blisters will start to dry up and the rash will start to go away. In the meantime, here are some tips to make yourself a little more comfortable.

Poison ivy rash occurs when the plant toxin, urushiol (one of the deadliest natural poisons on the planet) comes into contact with human skin. It is a condition characterized by swelling, blisters, pain and extreme itching.

Besides intense itching and pain, the effects of rubbing up against this poisonous plant may also manifest as red bumps, intense sensations of burning and irritation, as well as fever. The appearance of the symptoms can be between anywhere from a few hours to seven or 10 days after the original contact with the plant.

Poison ivy rash can then spread rapidly during the first three days, especially when you scratch the affected area. And while poison ivy is usually a mild condition, it

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For anyone sensitive to poison ivy, the oily residue from the plant can be painfully irritating.



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vent the roof and help them find the source of the blaze.

This sort of training is especially important because some of their members are fresh out of the academy, and have never dealt with a commercial structure fire.

Inside the building, firefighters used axes and hand tools to practice breaching walls for the same purpose, "basically find the seed of the fire, and put that out," said Shook, of the entire training exercise.

The Fenton Fire Department employed these tactics during the kitchen fire at The Fenton Hotel on Sunday, April 16.

Shook said he appreciates the access to the building by the owner.

Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff said, "A more true training experience is extremely valuable to make sure our firefighters are prepared for anything they may encounter." He added that the department may use the building again before it is demolished.

The now vacant Pizza Hut and Big Boy restaurant buildings

Pizza Hut closed its doors for good on Tuesday, Feb. 28. The Big Boy restaurant closed soon after that. The property, now owned by Owen Road Partners LLC, will be developed by David Markus of Markus Management, who intends to build a new strip mall.

The developer has been before the Planning Commission once already.

This week, Building and Zoning Administrator Mike Reilly said, "The developer will be before the Planning Commission on June 22 for a review of their revised plans, including a traf-

fic study. They intend to construct two buildings with approximately six to eight tenants."

The property is zoned general business, which could include anything from retail and restaurants, to personal services like medical offices, banks, etc. After conceptual plans were submitted to the city earlier this year, Reilly said that a preliminary review letter was sent to the developer, stating the city's concerns. Some of the issues addressed included a general view of what is needed in building design, parking, setbacks and landscaping.

Web Content Editor Vera Hogan contributed to this article.



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Training opportunities on commercial properties, like the vacant Pizza Hut building, are rare for a fire department.

POISON IVY

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can cause great suffering if left untreated. Luckily, just as nature has cursed us with this poisonous leaf, nature has also provided many natural remedies for poison ivy.

Baking Soda Baths & Pastes

To help relieve itching, place 1/2 a cup of baking soda in a bath tub filled with warm water. You can also mix 3 teaspoons of baking soda with one teaspoon of water and mix until it forms a paste. Apply this paste to the infected area to relieve itching and irritation that's associated with a poison ivy rash.

Oatmeal Paste

Cook a small amount of oatmeal and apply it directly to the skin as a paste. Make sure to cook it very thick so that the paste will stick to the skin. Some sources recommend putting the oatmeal on the skin while it is very warm, as the heat from the oatmeal will eventually cool, leaving the skin dry and relieved. Make sure not to apply the oatmeal when it is too hot, as this can easily burn the skin. You may also try mixing in a teaspoon of baking soda, for an extra itch-relieving effect.

Organic Apple Cider Vinegar

Apply a teaspoon of organic apple cider vinegar directly to the infected skin. Apple cider vinegar has a toxin-pulling action that helps suck the poison out of the pores. You can also create a warm vinegar compress using a thin cotton towel. Reapply to the skin as needed.

Aloe Vera Gel

An ancient curative remedy for the skin, aloe vera can be used directly on the infected area. You can buy a high-quality organic version at most health food stores, or even better, buy a plant and use the gel from inner flesh of the leaves. External use of organic aloe vera juice may also help, but is not as effective as the gel.

Organic Goldenseal

Mix a small amount of powdered goldenseal root with a small amount of hot water. Rub this paste on the affected skin to help reduce the chances of infection. For quickest results, try drinking goldenseal tea or taking a goldenseal supplement. This remedy can also help with poison oak.

Organic Witch Hazel

Dabbing a small amount of witch hazel tonic on the infected area offers both cleansing and itch relief. Witch hazel can be found at most drugstores.

Banana Peel

Many old wives tales swear by the power of a banana peel for poison ivy. Simply rub the inside of a banana peel on the affected area. This is possibly related to the cooling effect the banana peel has on the rash.

Organic Cucumber

This green veggie is very cooling. Making a cucumber paste and applying it to the skin helps bring soothing relief to heated itching. For easy itch relief, slice a piece of a cucumber off and let it dry on the affected area.

Watermelon Rind

Similar to the cooling cucumber, watermelon is also cold on the skin and can help provide itch relief for the poison ivy rash.

Sources: bodyandsoul.com; cdc.gov; webmd.com; globalhealingcenter.com

Go to the nearest emergency room if:

- You have trouble breathing or swallowing.
- The rash covers most of your body.
- You have many rashes or blisters.
- You experience swelling, especially of an eyelid.
- The rash develops anywhere on your face or genitals.
- Most of your skin itches, or nothing seems to ease the itch.

How long will healing take?

A mild case may last a week, while a severe case may last three to four weeks. Keeping the rash clean is important.

Can you pass poison ivy along to other people?

Not through the blister fluid or rash, because those are products of the body that actually contain very little or no resin from the poison ivy. If rashes continue to break out on new areas of the body, it's usually due to repeated exposure or different regions of the skin being exposed and reacting at different times to the resin.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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108' of frontage on private All Sports Marl Lake. 3081 SF, 3 BDR & 3.5 BA plus a bonus room that could be a 4th BDR. Full finished walkout basement. 2 car attached garage, plus an additional 2+ car garage. Over 1.5 acres of waterfront property!

JUST LISTED!!!

OPEN SUNDAY 1-3



43247 ASHBURY DR, NOVI

RIVERBRIDGE \$449,999
4259 SF of finished living space, 4 BDR & 4.5 BA. Kitchen features granite counter tops, tile back splash, pantry, snack bar & breakfast nook. Great room offers fireplace, formal dining room, living room, office & first floor laundry. Full finished basement w/ full bath, wet bar, family room & lots of storage.

OPEN SUNDAY 1-3
PRICE REDUCED



12402 WOODHULL LANDING, FENTON

LAKE FENTON \$775,000
126' of frontage on All Sports Lake Fenton. 3893 SF, 4 BDR & 3.5 BA. Open floor plan, soaring ceilings and great natural light. 3 car attached garage, large deck and more. This home has it all - fantastic location, large flat yard and beautiful water frontage.

PRICE REDUCED



153 E AUBURN TRL, BRIGHTON

BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$389,900
2332 SF, 4 BDR & 2.5 BA. Gorgeous kitchen features pantry, tile back splash, double oven, snack bar, lots of cabinet and counter space. Coved doorways, cathedral ceilings and hardwood floors. Walkout basement ready to be finished, 3 car attached garage, large deck and covered patio.



2393 DAVIS RD, FENTON

LAKE FENTON \$729,000
72' frontage on All Sports Lake Fenton, 5400 SF, 4 BDR & 3.5 BA. Open floor plan w/ fantastic views. Kitchen features breakfast nook, granite counters, snack bar, lots of cabinet and counter space. Crown molding, exposed beams, finished walkout and so much more.

JUST LISTED!!!

OPEN SUNDAY 1-3



8278 PINE HOLLOW TRL, GRAND BLANC

PINE HOLLOW ESTATES \$624,999
Over 5000 SF of finished living space, 4 BDR & 4.5 BA. Beautiful built-ins, crown molding, hardwood floors, cathedral ceilings, great natural light & more. Kitchen features granite countertops, tile back splash, pantry, island, snack bar & breakfast nook. Full finished, walkout basement complete w/ bar area.

OPEN SATURDAY 1-3



201 HOWARD ST, FENTON

FENTON SCHOOLS \$225,000
Fantastic home with 2220 SF of finished living space, 3 BDR & 2.5 BA. Beautiful kitchen with tile backsplash, island, granite countertops, and dining area. Full finished basement, stamped concrete patio and private back yard. Walking distance to downtown Fenton.



10460 BEERS RD, SWARTZ CREEK

ACREAGE \$209,999
Beautiful ranch home nestled on 2 acres. 1516 SF, 3 BDR & 1.5 BA. Spacious kitchen features pantry, tile back splash, dining area, lots of cabinet & counter space. Open floor plan with family room, featuring fireplace & door wall leading to spacious backyard.



2718 PEPPER CT, HARTLAND

ACREAGE \$224,999
Adorable home on over 1.5 acres. 1872 SF, 4 BDR & 2 BA. Great kitchen, open floor plan with spacious formal dining room and Florida room with great natural light. Living room features beautiful floors and fireplace. Nice deck with pool and more.



12125 CENTER RD, FENTON

ACREAGE \$586,000
Gorgeous ranch home nestled on beautiful and private 10 acres. 3838 SF, 4 BDR & 3.5 BA. Open floor plan with incredible attention to detail in this custom built home. Dream kitchen, soaring ceilings, beautiful stone work, hardwood floors, luxurious master suite and much more.



10079 GOLFSIDE, GRAND BLANC

WOODFIELD \$439,999
5407 SF, 3 BDR & 4.5 BA. Gorgeous kitchen with island, granite counters, hardwood floors, breakfast nook and pantry. Full finished walkout basement with bar and stone fireplace. Large deck and patio overlooking the pond.



14040 FISH LAKE RD, HOLLY

SOLD 12 DAYS



9693 BURNING TREE DR, GRAND BLANC

WARWICK HILLS \$349,999
Over 4000 SF of finished living space, 4 BDR & 2.5 BA. Amazingly maintained home with meticulous attention to detail. Family room with fireplace, exposed beams & great natural light. Four season room, first floor laundry, full finished basement and views of the golf course.



16549 HI LAND TRL, LINDEN

MARL LAKE \$419,900
Beautiful ranch home with 100' frontage on all sports Marl Lake. 2628 SF, 5 BDR & 2.5 BA. Kitchen features tile floor, tile back splash, granite counter tops, double oven and great view of the lake. Living room has great natural light and beautiful floors. Fresh paint, updated bathrooms, finished basement, and much more.



12350 WINDSOR BEACH DR, FENTON

SOLD 4 DAYS



16486 WHITEHEAD DR, LINDEN

LOBDELL LAKE \$350,000
94' Frontage on All Sports Lobdell Lake. Fantastic ranch home with 2040 SF of finished living space, 2 BDR & 2 BA. Fantastic views of the lake, beautiful floors throughout and vaulted ceilings. Gorgeous wrap around deck, patio, 2 car garage and more.



9720 BURNING TREE DR, GRAND BLANC

WARWICK HILLS \$445,000
4090 SF, 4 BDR & 3.5 BA all on the 5th Tee of Warwick Hills Golf Course. Stunning gourmet kitchen with high end finishes, hardwood floors, granite counters, lots of cabinet space and fireplace. Open floor plan, grand entry, natural light, and much more.



6326 PRAIRIE DUNES DR, GRAND BLANC

PENDING

SEE MORE stunning PHOTOS of these properties AT: www.JohnWentworthGroup.com

Lasco Ford promotes upcoming 'Bricks' event



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Lasco Ford in Fenton was the official Back to the Bricks Promo Tour End of the Road Party destination for the 2017 season. For one week, these 200 classic cars drove across the state to promote the upcoming Back to the Bricks events. Lasco Ford hosted the party for approximately 240 guests, drivers and their cars with the help of several local sponsors like El Topo and The Laundry. Here, Steve Thomas of Fenton Township and his son Stephen Thomas of Grand Blanc check out the cars taking over the dealership's lot.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■ ■ ■ ■
YOU ASKED ME what President Trump has done since being elected. I couldn't come up with one thing because we now have a majority of conservative justices in the Supreme Court, I can purchase ammunition for my self-defense, my uncontrolled medical bills are in the process of being contained, there is a budget that works, just to name a few.

■ ■ ■ ■
TOO MANY PEOPLE get their 'news' from reading and listening to only headlines or opinion reporters and never get to the facts. These are uninformed voters that some politicians rely on to push their agenda. Are you a 'fact-seeker' or one of the 'ignorant ones'?

■ ■ ■ ■
WHY DO SO many women leave their purses in unlocked cars overnight?

■ ■ ■ ■
HAVING A CHICKEN as a pet is 'liberal' and 'twisted'? What are you even talking about? Grow up.

■ ■ ■ ■
I FOUND THE Beacon Bridge gas leak article very troubling, and what the Bridge Street Exchange is having to endure is dreadful.

ANSWERS

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Marisa Wayne is the daughter of **John Wayne**, who is known for hundreds of westerns including the popular "True Grit."



Melinda Marx is the daughter of **Groucho Marx**. He had a popular variety show from 1947 to 1961 called "You Bet Your Life."



Linda Hope is the daughter of famed comedian **Bob Hope**. In addition to singing, dancing, comedy, and more, he was an actor known to many for his "Road" movies.



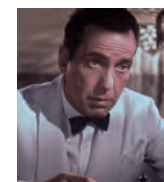
John Gable is the son of **Clark Gable**, probably best known for his performance in "Gone with the Wind" and the first swear word heard on the silver screen in 1939. Gable said "Frankly my dear, I don't give a damn."



Michael Landon, Jr. is the son of **Michael Landon**, who is best known for his performances as Little Joe in "Bonanza," and Charles Ingalls in "Little House on the Prairie."



Cecilia Peck is the daughter of Hollywood heart-throb **Gregory Peck**. He starred in countless films, including "To Kill a Mockingbird."



Stephen Bogart is the son of **Humphrey Bogart** and actress Lauren Bacall. Stephen's book "Play it again Sam" is a line in his father's classic movie "Casablanca."

Need a commercial loan?

■ **Financial Plus Credit Union** encourages you to partner with them for funds, market know-how

BY SALLY RUMMEL
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Today's strong economy might have you thinking about opening your own business, building a franchise, developing real estate or expanding your current facilities.

If you're in the market for a commercial loan, be sure to check out Financial Plus Credit Union as part of your business planning.

Member-owned since 1952, Financial Plus Credit Union puts your interests first, whether you're looking for a Small Business Administration (SBA) loan, lines of credit, equipment loans, investment and owner-occupied real estate, to name a few.

Headquartered in Flint with locations throughout Genesee, Livingston and Saginaw counties, including an office in Fenton at 15125 Silver Parkway, Financial Plus Credit Union works where you work.

Because many banks and credit unions offer similar commercial products, the difference to the borrower is in how the loans are handled at a credit union like Financial Plus.

"We can offer you much more value than just the funding of a loan," said Nathan Orange, Director of Commercial Lending for Financial Plus. "We know our markets very well, and our staff lives in the areas we lend. We understand what the trends are and where the develop-



Business member: Lake Ponemah Marina

ment is happening. We're very consultative with our businesses and look at ourselves as partners."

At Financial Plus, all approvals are done internally. "We don't use a credit scoring model where if all the 'boxes' are not checked it is an automatic 'No,'" said Orange. "We work very hard to find a way to finance the deal, if there's a way to do it, and we get back to the borrower quickly. If needed for larger loans, we can also use Credit Union Service Organizations (CUSOs)."

The approval-to-close process is also quick, according to Orange. "We maintain control over the process from start to finish," he said. "Our documentation is done in-house. It's not sent to a centralized department or out of state."

It's a philosophy of partnership that works well between credit unions and their members.

"Our lending philosophy doesn't change overnight," said

Orange. "Even during the recession 10 years ago, credit unions continued to lend. We look at each deal individually. Other than monitoring global portfolio concentration limits, we don't jump in or out of industries on a whim."

For the best possible commercial loan scenario, Orange has only one request: to fully understand your business plan.

"The best recommendation I can give is for us to sit down and talk about the need for financing, a structure that makes the most sense for everyone and how to get it done in the shortest time possible," said Orange.

He also suggests that you shop around. "Don't limit yourself to one institution; check at a few places, as you may have a viable request, but it may not be a fit for them," said Orange. "We try very hard to find financing for a borrower, but if we can't help them for some reason, we try to find alternative options."

“We can offer you much more value than just the funding of a loan.”

Nathan Orange
Director of Commercial Lending at Financial Plus Credit Union

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Mike Nickola, Nathan Orange and Jacquie Ochs

CATCH OF THE WEEK



Izzy Thomas, 6, used her trusty "Barbie" pole to catch this 11-inch, 1-pound blue gill. She caught it off her grandparent's dock on Silver Lake over Memorial Day weekend.

our town

Meet DAN GREEN

- Dad and grandpa
- Vietnam veteran
- Airplane builder

By Sally Rummel

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Dan Green, 68, of Linden, still has a lot of things he wants to do in life, after surviving the Vietnam War, two bouts with cancer and a quadruple heart bypass a year ago. A retired trucker, Green and his wife, Kathy have been married for 20 years this August, and have four grown children and five grandchildren.

What was your role in Vietnam?

I was on an amphibious cargo ship in the Navy at age 17. I caught the ship in Okinawa (Japan) and went straight to Danang (Vietnam). My first tour I was on the deck force. I worked 33 straight days of 12 hours on and 12 hours off. On my second tour, I was the signal man in visual communications. Where we went depended on where the ship was needed. I've been to Japan, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Taiwan and Hawaii with the Navy. People in this country have nothing to complain about, nothing.

Have you kept in touch with other veterans?

I flew out to San Diego for a ship reunion 10 years ago. I've been to reunions in Fort Worth, Texas and Dayton, Ohio. A year and a half ago, a



"When someone tells me to have a good day, I say, 'Every day's a good day. Some are just better than others.'"
Dan Green

buddy I hadn't see in 40 years got a hold of me and sent me 175 pictures and video of the tours. I had lost all my photos in a house flood. I joined the VFW in Linden. I also give two-hour tours on the USS Edson DD946 museum ship in Bay City. I like to show people different aspects of the ship. I lived on one for three years. **We hear you're an airplane pilot.** I flew just for fun, a 1946 Cessna 140 that I bought in pieces in 2003 and took five years to put it back together. It's two years older than me and in better shape. I haven't flown it in a few years and I'm thinking about getting rid of it.

The last six months I worked on it, I was undergoing chemo for my first bout with colon cancer. It's a rough thing to go through. I finally figured out how to explain to people what chemo is like: you put your brain in a jar of alcohol and shake it. That's what it feels like. Then I got colo-rectal cancer, so now I have a colostomy. You can still live life. It kind of acts like a weight when I'm golfing! I'm not ready to cash in my chips yet. When people ask how I feel that I've gotten cancer twice, do I say "why me?" I always say, "Why not

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Dan Green has lived on Ryan Lake in Deerfield Township for 20 years. Green is a Navy veteran and retired pilot, who also drove for Spartan Foods for 25 years.

me?" Everyone has something.

Do you like to travel?

I'd like to take Kathy to see some of the countries I visited in the Navy. We've also been to Jamaica and have taken five cruises, usually on Royal Caribbean to the Caribbean. We went to a flying convention in Spearfish, South Dakota and visited Sturgis, the Black Hills and Mount Rushmore. I enjoy seeing different places.

Tri-county fundraisers

SNUGGLE SACKS FUNDRAISER

The Barn restaurant is hosting a non-profit volleyball/cornhole tournament called "Bags & Balls," on Saturday, Aug. 26, beginning at 9 a.m. The restaurant is at 715 Torrey Rd., Fenton. All proceeds will go to Snuggle Sacks — survival kits for the homeless. Organizers will be accepting additional donations of socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, gloves, small blankets, Chapstick, water bottles, basic travel-size toiletry items, etc. Email jasonwarda@gmail.com to register.

News briefs

CLASS REUNION

The **Lake Fenton Class of 1982** is holding its 35-year reunion **Saturday, Aug. 5, at 6 p.m.**, at the Lake Fenton Moose Club. The cost is \$35 per person, and checks should be made out to Theresa Lyons (Zaher). Mail checks to 3387 Connors Dr., Rochester Hills, MI, 48307. Dress is summer casual. Questions can be emailed to Wendy Byard (Stevens) at wkbyard@charter.net or private messaged to Wendy on Facebook. Check the Lake Fenton Class of 1982 Facebook page for updates.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE HATE BEING spewed by the Democrats has created an atmosphere of violence. Democrats have mentioned burning down the White House, beheading Trump and depicting the assassination of Trump.

WHAT IS WRONG with the Genesee County Board of Commissioners? Would it really be that difficult to order the animal control people to hold on to the strays for at least a day?

I HAVE NEARLY been run over three times at downtown crosswalks while dog walking. All three involved people turning while looking at their phones. Now I only cross mid-block where I can see no cars are approaching from either direction.

PRACTICE REAL PATRIOTISM. Register to vote today. If it's been years since you last voted, check to see if you are still in the Michigan system at www.michigan.gov/vote.

GOD MADE US all. Adam and Eve brought sin to this world. We are all God's children. Straight, gay, transgender, white, black, brown, yellow, Christians, Jews, all denominations. God's number one rule is judge not least you be judged. Have a great day.

TRUMP SUPPORTERS, BRACE yourself. The Russia investigation is not a Watergate where a room and one file cabinet were broken into. It's a national election break-in with alleged help from our own.



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“Chances are that when one (washer or dryer) fails, the other will soon follow because they were likely bought at the same time.”

Tim Stone
Co-owner of Sears Hometown Store in Fenton

Tim Stone, co-owner of the Sears Hometown Store in Fenton, suggests buying a washer and dryer that suits your needs, not just based on price. “We try to match the customer on value,” he said. The least expensive units are more affordable, but will not last while working for a large family, for example. His store has more than 50 in stock.

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LAUNDRY

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First of all, should you buy these two appliances at the same time, even if one of the pair is still working?

“We recommend you buy them together, because they have to work together with the same amount of capacity,” said Tim Stone, co-owner of Sears Hometown Store in Fenton. “Chances are that when one fails, the other will soon follow because they were likely bought at the same time. You also might get an additional discount for buying both appliances at the same time.”

How many people are in your household?

The size of your family will help determine the size of your washer and dryer.

A larger 5.3-cubic-foot washer can actually accommodate about 20 pounds of laundry in a single load, or a king-size comforter, according to Stone. A regular size 4.3-cubic-foot washer can wash up to 16 pounds, accommodating a queen size comforter. A compact machine up to 3.0-cubic-feet will wash about 12 pounds

in one load.

Your family’s needs will also determine different washer features, including soaking cycles and soil level options for lots of stains and rinse options for skin allergies.

Other high-tech features include electronic controls to let users quickly choose cycles, displays on the remaining cycle time and status and steam settings designed to improve stain removal.

Where will your washer and dryer be located?

If you have a dedicated laundry room, you won’t have to worry as much about size as you do if you’re using a narrow closet in your house, making a stackable unit your only option. Sometimes a washer and dryer share space with a pantry or extra bathroom.

Take measurements to determine whether you have room for a standard-sized washer, 27½ inches wide with a standard dryer, 29 inches wide. Some front loaders are 29 inches wide, according to Stone.

Top loader or front loader?

High efficiency front loaders have been very popular over the years as an upscale laundry option and, according to Consumer Reports, offer the most water use efficiency. But top loaders as a market segment are gaining momentum again as an energy efficient, affordable option.

“A top load high efficiency washer is our best-selling segment,” said Stone.

Buyers should be aware that high efficiency washers require the use of the more expensive high-efficiency detergent. “The biggest mistake people make is using too much detergent,” said Stone. “High-efficiency is very concentrated and low sudsing.”

How tall are you?

“Keep a person’s height in mind when selecting a washer,” said Stone.

The washing bins on some top load models are so deep that it’s harder for shorter people to reach to the bottom. If you choose a front loader, remember that a pedestal can be bought to make it easier to load both the washer and dryer, but will add about \$500 to the cost.

Dryer: gas or electric?

Dryers are available in gas or electric, so know what you are set up for before you buy.

“We also have to know what kind of outlet you have: three-pronged or four-pronged,” said Stone. “Most homes built after 1996 have four-pronged outlets.”

Sears Hometown Store in Fenton sells more electric dryers than gas. “Gas dryers used to be much more efficient,” said Stone. “Now, they’re about the same. A gas dryer will cost about \$100 more, taking six years for that payback.”

Dryers are much simpler machines than washers, with fewer movable parts and features.

“The big features now are wrinkle control and moisture sensors,” said Stone. “The heat used to ‘bake’ your clothes dry at the same temperature throughout the cycle. These new features provide a longer, unheated tumbling at the end of the cycle and prevent wrinkles from settling into clean, dry clothing.”

The average life span of a new washer and dry is between eight and 12 years.

HOW MUCH DO WASHERS AND DRYERS COST?

- Budget priced: \$300 to \$499 per appliance
- Mid-range: \$500 to \$700
- High-end: \$800 on up
- Laundry center: \$1,400 to \$1,600

Source: Sears Hometown Store in Fenton

“I thought we lost everything in the fire. My agent was there before the flames were out.”

— Steve Schroder, Business Owner



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Fenton Fire Department personnel and STAT EMS employees were the recipients of awards on Monday, June 12, for their quick and heroic actions during a life and death emergency. Pictured (from left) are Chief Robert Cairnduff, Dispatch Supervisor Samantha Sturgis, Firefighter Al Morea, Assistant Chief Charlie Koan, STAT EMS Paramedic Bradley Schwartz, STAT EMT Tim LeBlanc, and Lt. Casey Gilbert.

Firefighting team honored for life-saving emergency

By Vera Hogan

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Fenton — “This is one of the opportunities I cherish as chief, getting to congratulate our staff and the tremendous amount of training that they receive,” said Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff.

On Monday, June 12, Cairnduff and a host of fire department personnel and their families attended the Fenton City Council meeting so that Mayor Sue Osborn and City Manager Lynn Markland could give awards.

“I believe we have the best system in the county,” said Cairnduff of Fenton’s 911 systems. “We have one of the best in the county and I’ll argue with anyone about that.”

Cairnduff also acknowledged the families of fire department personnel and the sacrifices they make because of their loved one’s commitment to the fire department.

Because of them, an incident that occurred on Tuesday, March 7, was handled the way it was supposed to, he said.

Emergency responders saved the life of a 23-year-old utility worker from Burton, who was shocked while working on a business sign at the former Pizza Hut on Owen

Road at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7.

The man was working from an elevated bucket when he was shocked. The bucket was lowered and emergency responders, including the Fenton Fire Department and STAT EMS provided medical care.

He was transported to Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township with life-threatening injuries for further treatment.

“He has made a complete recovery,” said Cairnduff on Monday.

“All of the combined efforts of our emergency responders made a lifesaving difference that day and they should be commended for their quick, professional, and efficient actions in the treatment of the patient,” said Cairnduff.

The following six individuals were

presented with pins and commendation letters: Assistant Chief Charlie Koan, Lt. Casey Gilbert, Firefighter Al Morea, Paramedic Bradley Schwartz, EMT Timothy LeBlanc and Dispatch Supervisor Samantha Sturgis.

Prior to receiving their awards, each of the Fenton City Council members thanked them for their service and acknowledged their importance to the Fenton community.

“All of the combined efforts of our emergency responders made a lifesaving difference that day and they should be commended for their quick, professional, and efficient actions in the treatment of the patient.”

Chief Bob Cairnduff
Fenton Fire Department

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■
I HAVE LIVED in Fenton for 50 years, always paid my taxes and proud to grow up here. But so disappointed in city officials. Over two years I have tried to get them to maintain the cemetery’s property.

■■■
‘...LEAN NOT UNTO thine own understanding’ (Proverbs 3:5) ‘Judge not according to the appearance...’ (John 7:24) ‘...He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone...’ (John 8:7).

■■■
WATCH WHAT YOU say. It’s only a matter of time before we’re issued and required to carry our glossary of government-approved words and phrases. After all, words are the most dangerous weapons.

■■■
TO THE OLD man in the pickup truck who got angry with how far I had to pull up to

safely see cars coming across the bridge at Lahring and North roads, get a life. You can’t see traffic coming over the bridge if you are stopped at the white line.

■■■
TIGER WOODS IS a fool. He had numerous affairs when married, was worth millions and had the world by the tail. He has no one to blame for his situation but himself. When will people stop blaming others for their own choices and take responsibility for their actions?

■■■
WOW, HOW AWFUL would that be if abortions became illegal and women would go to great lengths to avoid becoming pregnant? Are you serious? You’re saying that without abortions women would be forced to have children? Abortion is not birth control, so why not go to great lengths anyway to avoid having an abortion?

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Alyson Mary Zimble



A 2007 Fenton High School and a 2011 MSU graduate. She is the daughter of proud parents Mary and Larry Zimble of Linden. In May she graduated from The George Washington University in D.C. with a Master of Arts Degree in International Education. She is working at Rotary International in Evanston, Illinois.

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JUNE 18

1972: A Trident jetliner crashes after takeoff from Heathrow Airport in London, killing 118 people. The official cause of this accident remains unknown, but it may have happened simply because the plane was carrying too much weight. The Trident 1 jet took off with no incident but, just after its wheels retracted, it began falling from the sky. The plane split on impact and an intense fireball from the plane's fuel supply erupted, scattering the fuselage and passengers. Investigators believe the jet simply was carrying too much weight or that the weight was improperly distributed and the plane could not handle the stress.

JUNE 19

1886: Future President William Howard Taft marries Helen "Nellie" Herron in Cincinnati, Ohio. According to biographers at the National First Ladies Library, Nellie was strong-willed, bright and ambitious but hid deep-seated insecurities about her looks and worried that she would never be taken seriously because she was a woman. Her earliest ambition, however, which she discovered on a trip to the White House at age 16, was to become first lady of the United States.

JUNE 20

1977: With a flip of a switch in Prudhoe Bay, crude oil from the nation's largest

oil field begins flowing south down the trans-Alaska pipeline to the ice-free port of Valdez, Alaska. The steel pipeline, 48 inches in diameter, winds through 800 miles of Alaskan wilderness, crossing three Arctic mountain ranges and hundreds of rivers and streams. Environmentalists fought to prevent its construction, saying it would destroy a pristine ecosystem, but they were ultimately overruled by Congress, who saw it as a way of lessening America's dependence on foreign oil.

JUNE 21

1965: Released on this day, the Byrds' debut album, "Mr. Tambourine Man," marked the beginning of the folk-rock revolution. In just a few months, the Byrds had become a household name, with a No. 1 single and a smash-hit album that married the ringing guitars and backbeat of the British Invasion with the harmonies and lyrical depth of folk to create an entirely new sound.

JUNE 22

1944: U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs the G.I. Bill, an unprecedented act of legislation designed to compensate returning members of the armed services — known as G.I.s — for their efforts in World War II. The American Legion, a veteran's organization, successfully fought for many of the provisions included in the bill, which gave returning servicemen access to unemployment compensation, low-interest home and business loans, and funding for education.

JUNE 23

1992: Mafia boss John Gotti, who was nicknamed the "Teflon Don" after escaping unscathed from several trials during the 1980s, is sentenced to life in prison after being found guilty on 14 counts of conspiracy to commit murder and racketeering.

JUNE 24

1997: U.S. Air Force officials release a 231-page report dismissing long-standing claims of an alien spacecraft crash in Roswell, New Mexico, almost exactly 50 years earlier. The town of Roswell became a magnet for UFO believers due to the strange events of early July 1947, when ranch foreman W.W. Brazel found a strange, shiny material scattered over some of his land. He turned the material over to the sheriff, who passed it on to authorities at the nearby Air Force base. On July 8, Air Force officials announced they had recovered the wreckage of a "flying disk." A local newspaper put the story on its front page, launching Roswell into the spotlight of the public's UFO fascination.

News briefs

SAFETY TOWN IN FENTON

Fenton Kiwanis has opened registration for the "Safety Town" program from Aug. 1 through 4. The program teaches pre-kindergartners a variety of life safety methods, like traffic and pedestrian safety, riding and parking a bike, stranger danger, and more. A small-scale "town" will be set up, with buildings, roads, street signs and railroad crossings. Three sessions will be offered at the Ellen Street campus in Fenton. On the last day of class, parents are invited to attend the graduation ceremony to watch their children wear their "Safety Town" shirt, bicycle helmet and receive their certificate. This is the 22nd year for the program. For more information or to register, call Fenton Kiwanis members, Cathy Utter (517) 230-6161, uttercat@aol.com or Heidi Howieson (810) 955-6754, Hhowieson@gmail.com.

LAKE FENTON GRADUATE EARNS A TOP INDUSTRY AWARD FOR A BOOK HE AUTHORED IN 2016

Matt Durfee, a 1977 graduate of Lake Fenton High School, has been recognized with a Silver Award in the Business and Career category for 2017 by the Independent Book Publishers Association (IBPA) for his book, "The Job Search Navigator." The IBPA Benjamin Franklin Awards are regarded as one of the highest national honors for independent publishers. Durfee's book was released Jan. 12, 2016 by Agate Publishing in Chicago, after a seven-year process that began as a childhood dream to write a book. "The Job Search Navigator" is on sale at Fenton's Open Book and online. Durfee is the founder and president of Navigator Executive Advisors, Inc. and the Navigator Institute, two career services firms that provide outplacement, executive search and leadership development support to global employers and individual clients. He lives in Orlando and owns a home in Fenton.

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HEROIN

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patrolling on Wednesday, June 14 observed a woman, in apparent distress, walking back and forth across the S. East Street bridge over the Fenton Millpond.

The officer approached the woman to make sure she was OK. After obtaining her information, he learned that she had an outstanding arrest warrants for malicious destruction of property, as well as assault and battery, from Missaukee County.

The woman told the officer that her car was parked near O'Donnell Park. As the officer walked the woman to her car, he noticed that there was an unconscious man inside. Beside the man were needles and other drug paraphernalia.

Reinfelder said the man had apparently overdosed on heroin. The

officer called for an ambulance and several doses of Narcan were used on the man to revive him from the overdose. The man was transported to the hospital where he is currently listed in critical condition.

The officer learned that the man was a parole absconder for past drug violations in Missaukee County.

Reinfelder said it is unknown as to why the couple were in Fenton, adding that police believe the woman did not want them to know about her boyfriend in the car.

She was lodged at the Fenton police station on the outstanding warrant until Missaukee County authorities came for her.

Once the man is released from the hospital he, too, will be turned over to Missaukee County.

PET

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euthanized within three hours of being brought into the GCAC. Commissioner Drew Shapiro (R-District 6/Fenton area) said he will make the motion.

"Obviously I don't want animals to suffer needlessly. It should be developed with input from stakeholders, including animal control professionals, animal advocates and veterinarians," he said.

The pet evaluation matrix (PEM) is a list of specific, commonly seen medical and behavioral conditions that may occur in shelter animals, according to mad-diesfund.org. It's a report card that categorizes the conditions as healthy, treatable-rehabilitatable, treatable-manageable or unhealthy and untreatable using definitions based on the standard of care of an individual pet owner in that community. Shapiro wants the matrix to be modeled after the matrix adopted in Erie County, New York. The matrix is a list of medical conditions an animal could be suffering from, including conditions from abscess, smoke inhalation, behavioral tendencies, to how they interact with humans.

The mandatory hold time will be based on how the animal scores on the matrix and if they're wearing a collar. It's specifically related to mandatory hold times before euthanasia decisions are made, Shapiro said.

At a Governmental Operations Committee meeting on Monday, June 12, the board struck down two motions to create temporary mandatory holding periods for strays. The first motion was for a 24-hour holding period, and the second was a 12-hour holding period. Both were voted down 7-2.

Shapiro introduced both motions and Commissioner Ellen Ellenburg voted in support.

While at the meeting, the board met with GCAC Deputy Director Renea Kennedy to learn what happened.

The GCAC's policy is to hold all dogs that have any type of collar or harness for seven days, and that dogs with no collar or harness are normally held for seven days as well. However, the veterinarian

can make a recommendation to euthanize a dog if they believe it's in too poor of health.

Kennedy told the committee she made the decision to euthanize Capone after the veterinarian made the recommendation after observing Capone having trouble walking and consistently whining while in a cage.

GCAC Director Paul Wallace said the dog had a degenerative spinal disease, couldn't move his back legs, and was in terrible condition.

"If I would have left that animal in a cage for 12 hours — he couldn't move, couldn't turn around, couldn't get comfortable — that would have been animal cruelty," he said. If they put him under anesthesia, he might not wake up due to his old age.

"Why would we deviate from our own policy? It's for the animals," he said. Wallace said their veterinarian has 16 years of experience and knows when a dog should be euthanized. He received hate mail from many people, he said, but not from the owners of Capone.

The dog was brought into GCAC around 1:15 Tuesday, June 6 after a Linden resident found him wondering near Sagebrush Cantina in Fenton Township. The owner called at 4 p.m. to claim him, but the dog had already been put down.

At an Animal Control Subcommittee on Wednesday, June

14, commissioners discussed the idea of mandatory holding periods again. Chairman Mark Young (D-District 5/Grand Blanc area) reportedly called Shapiro an "(expletive) idiot."

"I hope this serves as a clear testament to the extreme bias I am facing in Genesee County from the old boys club. I will not succumb to crony politics, I will always be willing to take the hits for the people I proudly represent," Shapiro said.

“It should be developed with input from stakeholders, including animal control professionals, animal advocates and veterinarians.”

Drew Shapiro

Genesee County commissioner

SUMMARY

■ The Genesee County Board of Commissioners is expected to vote on a motion that will change policies at Genesee County Animal Control in an attempt to avoid euthanasia.

NEED A NEW ROOF?

HOT LINE CONTINUED

NO MORE DOGS in restaurants. Three of us were at a restaurant a couple of weeks ago on a Sunday after church. A couple with a comfort dog, the size of a small Great Dane, was seated across the aisle from us. As they got up to leave, the dog rose and shook itself and hair flew all over the place and into two of our meals.

THE MOST IRONIC thing about the bike lanes in Holly is the fact that according to village ordinances, it is illegal to ride a bike anywhere in the village of Holly.

I KNOW WHAT you mean about the eyebrows. The natural look is always better.

OBAMA CREATED CHAOS in the USA and he continues to. Look what people say to each other, thousands are dying overseas because he would not destroy ISIS. He travels and talks bad about President Trump. Will he ever stop trying to destroy our country and make us look weak?

WE HAVE KATHY Griffin displaying the severed bloody head of President Trump and now we have a play in NY about the assassination of President Trump. What is wrong with this world anyway?

SEEMS TO ME that any president that cuts unemployment in half and gets 20 million the health care they need has done a very good job.

IT LOOKS LIKE someone should be fired at Genesee County Animal Control. I wonder what kind of spin they are going to put on killing a 16-year-old dog. The first clue should have been when they hired a new volunteer coordinator that banned volunteers.

YOUR SMILE MATTERS!

By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

DENTAL SEALANTS

(also termed pit and fissure sealants, or simply fissure sealants)

Dental sealants are preventative and protective composite resins that are applied to posterior teeth. Sealants are usually placed on children's teeth but I've placed them on adult teeth as well. Some teeth develop in such a way that they have very deep and prominent pits and fissures on the occlusal (biting) surface. These are good candidates for sealants. The deep pits and fissures can trap plaque and food debris and sometimes so deep that they are virtually impossible to keep clean. This accumulated plaque and debris can lead to decay of the teeth in those areas. Once decayed, the teeth need to be filled. As a preventive measure, dental sealants are placed. The sealant material is a fluid and readily flows into these deep pit and fissure areas. This literally seals out plaque and food debris preventing its accumulation in the pit and fissures and subsequent decay formation. The process is very easy for a child. There's no drilling or anesthesia required. The surface of the tooth is prepared for bonding and then the sealant material "painted on" then hardened with use of a curing light. Once in place, a dental sealant should last for years. The sealant will protect against decay formation as the child passes through the cavity prone years and into adulthood.

I welcome your questions and comments. Feel free to e-mail me drsulfaro@comcast.net



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HORIZON

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by partners — The Horizon Group of Raymond James and the Serra Automotive Group.

Terrence Andrysiak is the senior vice president, wealth management branch manager for The Horizon Group of Raymond James. Joseph Serra is the president of Serra Automotive Group.

Both companies currently do business in the Grand Blanc area.

According to Andrysiak, the \$6 million building will be able to move in tenants in about a year after construction begins. The third floor will be occupied by the 12 to 15 executives with The Serra Automotive Group, and 12 executives with The Horizon Group will occupy the second floor.

Occupants for the first floor are yet to be found.

Jim Evans of Bruce G. Pollack & Associates is beginning to conduct interviews for new business opportunities on the

first floor. “

“We are considering all interested businesses as tenants or owners at this time,” said Andrysiak. “We are excited to make this investment in Fenton, everyone involved is taking a lot of pride in this project.”

Andrysiak said they are looking to do what is best for the community.

The partners want The Horizon Building to be an extension of the great things happening in downtown Fenton, and expand on all the exciting new things and walkability of the area.

“We have been focused on the building design and selecting quality materials,” said Andrysiak. “We are ready to move forward.”

Fenton area resident Shannon Easter White is the building designer, he said.

In addition to Andrysiak and Serra, who are Fenton area residents, many of the occupants of the partner groups hail from Fenton as well

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Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following is what you missed in the **Wednesday, June 14, Midweek Edition** of the Tri-County Times. To subscribe and receive both the Sunday Weekend and Wednesday Midweek editions, please call (810) 629-8282

County board votes against adopting holding times for strays

Holding periods of 24 hours and 12 hours before euthanizing animals were both shot down by the Genesee County Board of Commissioners.



Charges possible in boating accident

Twelve-year-old victim remains hospitalized, more surgeries to come.

Poplar Street rehabilitation project will proceed

Fenton officials to gamble on whether federal funds will become available.

Feisty Fenton council meeting

Tempers flare over variety of issues.

TURKEY TROPHY



Michael Bush, 11, of Linden took his first turkey while hunting with his grandpa and cousin Wyatt Riley of Linden in Livingston County. Michael DuBois of Linden said being able to mentor both of his grandsons on this hunt was priceless.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

OBAMA RENTS THAT house for a lot of money. I think it is \$8,000 a month. Now remember, he made a fortune selling his books before he was president. As for people to say he failed is just ignorant. Sixteen million jobs were added under him. He made some big mistakes, but we are still here.

CAN YOU PLEASE explain just what it is that Trump supporters have done to damage America? It's not Trump supporters who are wearing masks and smashing windows on college campuses.

DADS

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"To me, it's hard to pick just one thing great about bring a father," he said. "I literally love everything about it. From seeing them grow in knowledge and personality, to even those tough days when they find out the world can be cruel as well because I know they will use those experiences later in life."

"I really didn't think I would love being a dad as much as I do. I am forever grateful for my children; they teach me more about life than I thought I ever knew."

Cruikshank's advice to other dads is "to be all in when it comes to raising a child."

"The traditional parenting roles of the past are gone. A majority of families have both spouses working, including ours, so be present. They will remember that," he said.

GREAT JOB LEGISLATORS, you pass a law to pay more money for road salt to a foreign owned company. Part-time legislation is needed now more than ever.

DR. WAX, I think that your Union Block parcel would make a wonderful Veterans Memorial Park like other small cities have. This type of use wouldn't require a decontamination of the soil. Such a park would be the centerpiece of Linden and a wonderful tribute to our vets. Please consider it.

ISLAM, A RELIGION of peace? Koran (8:12) 'Strike off their heads (nonbelievers) and strike off every fingertip of them.' Where's the 'peace' in this verse?

The rising cost of raising a child

The cost of raising a child rises every year. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has been tracking this cost since 1960. The most recent numbers are from 2015.

In 2015, in a middle-income, married household that brings in \$59,200-\$107,400 a year with two children spent approximately \$12,980 annually per child.

For these families with children born in 2015, they can expect to spend \$233,610 for food, shelter and other necessities to raise a child through age 17. This does not factor in the cost of college.

The amount increases up to \$284,570 with projected inflation costs. In 1960, the total cost was \$191,723.

Housing costs account for approximately 29 percent of child costs, food accounts for 18 percent and child care/education accounts for about 16 percent.

Expenses increase as children age. Annual expenses for children from birth to 2 years old averaged \$300 less, and teenagers 15-17 averaged \$900 more.

Location plays a factor. Families in the Northeast spent the most on a child, and families in rural areas spent the least, about 27 percent less. Each additional child costs less because children can share clothes, beds, and families can buy quantities that are more economical. This is known as the "cheaper by the dozen" effect.

Source: United States Department of Agriculture

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Dr. Jim Rachor of Tyrone Township prays with his family before eating dinner in their home on Wednesday, June 14. Rachor is married with seven children, including two adopted daughters. Pictured (from left) are son Noah, daughter Amelia, 11, wife Cinda, niece Ava, 10, and daughter Hope, 10.

FATHER'S DAY

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lives traveling to Guatemala to adopt, and have added Amelia, 11, and Hope, 10, to their family through adoption.

"We'll have to write a book about the eight-year process of finally bringing Amelia home to our family," said James, 51. "The orphanage told us to give up, because it was never going to happen. Amelia had been abandoned at the orphanage by someone other than her mother, so she was unable to be adopted. Cinda worked for almost eight years, and by a miracle, our fourth lawyer was able to find a loophole that allowed us to finally adopt her."

Now, the two youngest girls share a bedroom and get along and fight, just like sisters do, although they aren't biologically related.

With seven kids, including three on the cusp of adulthood, the Rachor family is a busy one, with lots of revolving doors. "Steve's working at Gerych's in between a dual law program at Michigan State, Noah is working in Portland, Oregon before starting graduate school and Abigail is working at Spring Hill Camp in Fort Wayne, Indiana during her college summer break," said Jim.

Noah, 22, graduated from Hope College, where Abigail, 20, is a junior. Sophia, 17 and AnnaGrace, 16, both attend Luke M. Powers High School. Amelia and Hope attend St. John the Evangelist Catholic School in Fenton.

All seven Rachor family members will be meeting soon in Guatemala, where they annually lead faith-based mission trips of 30 to 60 people who will live and work at the orphanage where Amelia and Hope came from, and anywhere else they're needed.

This tradition is just one of many that binds the Rachor family together.

First and foremost is their Christian faith, according to James. "Based on that, we



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Dr. Jim Rachor chats with his daughter Amelia at dinner Wednesday night.

make it a priority to spend time together," he said. "We eat dinner together a lot, we rarely miss church as a family and we pray before meals. We like to vacation as a family. A family reunion at Lake Charlevoix is one of our favorites."

Rachor has plenty of opportunities to interact with families at his Fenton dental practice, Rachor Dental Care. His parenting advice?

"Spend quality time, not 'hurried time,'" he said. "Encourage them as much as you discipline. Help them find their passions in life and encourage them to develop those — they'll be much more successful in life than if they're forced to do something by their parents."

He feels that being on the same "parenting page" with Cinda helped unify their role as parents. "We took an 18-week parenting class called 'Growing Kids God's Way,'" he said. "It taught us to put our marriage as a priority, then from that point, it's the kids."

To read the emotional adoption journey of Jim and Cinda Rachor's second youngest daughter, Amelia, at go to tctimes.com.

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Linden's seniors lead program to winningest era ever

By David Troppens

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Novi — When it comes to senior classes, the Linden varsity girls soccer team may have had its best ever complete its four years with the program during Tuesday's 2-0 state semifinal loss to Bloomfield Hills Marian.

First off, one can look at this season's accomplishments. The squad, which included 10 seniors, ended the season with

a school-record 22 wins and the team's first-ever regional championship in girls soccer. Of those 10 seniors, three are among the best in the state. Midfielder Alia Frederick and keeper Madison Paige earned First-Team All-State honors while forward Maddie Zayan earned Third-Team All-State honors.

But, looking at just this spring's season wouldn't do the group justice. When one wants to see what the seniors were

able to accomplish, one should look at their four-year record at Linden.

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Times Sports

Linden's Erica Freeman

Eagles' historical season ends vs. Marian

■ Two first-half goals sparks Linden's 2-0 loss

By David Troppens

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Novi — This was a historical season for the Linden varsity girls soccer team.

The squad had a school-best 22 victories this spring, earning the program's first-ever regional championship just a few days ago.

However, that special season ran into the state's top-ranked Marian squad in a Division 2 state semifinal contest at Novi Meadows Stadium Tuesday, and the Mustangs (22-1) proved they are pretty special as well.

Marian held Linden's potent offense scoreless (only the third time Linden has been held scoreless all year) and the Mustangs' offense scored two goals within the first 18 minutes of the game, earning the Marian a 2-0 state semifinal victory.

The Eagles, who saw their season end at 22-4-1, tipped their caps to the Mustangs, who held the Eagles to just six shots all night long.

"First off, Marian is a great team," Linden's senior First Team All-State keeper Madi-

son Paige said. "They pushed harder than us and I think they wanted it more. You can't win if you can't score and we didn't have the offense up top to get us in and get us goals. We didn't have many chances. It was a tough loss, but they deserved it."

"I don't think we played as fast as we could have," senior Elizabeth Walterhouse said. "I think we just came off and didn't play our best game. We fell behind by two goals and never really picked it up."

Linden varsity girls soccer coach Kevin Fiebertz was the first to admit that Tuesday's challenge was a tough task for the Eagles.

"The big thing is we definitely were outmanned out there," Fiebertz said. "I knew it but I didn't tell them that. They have nine Division 1 recruits. We have some but they were definitely a step ahead of us with a lot of things."

The Mustangs controlled the ball for most of a heat-drenching first half. That possession resulted in a goal 14 minutes into the contest. It came on a pass from Jansen Eichenlaub to Ellie DeConinck for a wide open shot. She nailed it, putting the Mustangs up 1-0. The lead grew to 2-0 about four minutes later

See **EAGLES'** on 23A



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MARK BOLEN

(Top) Linden's Madeleine Zayan (left) and Audrey Steiert (left photo, left player) were two key players to the Eagles' success this spring. Linden lost in the state semifinals to Marian 2-0 on Tuesday at Novi Meadows Stadium.

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Linden's Teresa Walterhouse (right) competes against Katie Sullivan during the Eagles' 2-0 state semifinal loss against Bloomfield Hills Marian.

Life lessons were learned during state tourney run

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Novi — Deep state trips during a sports season create memorable moments.

For the Linden varsity girls soccer team those moments include defeating Fenton in the district championship game at Folwerville, and the squad's ability to overcome an early 1-0 deficit to defeat the defending Division 2 state champions, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep for a regional crown. In between, there certainly were many memorable practices and bus trips as well.

But deep state trips like the one the Eagles had this year — one that ended in the Division 2 state semifinal game with a 2-0 loss to Bloomfield Hills Marian at Novi Meadows Stadium on Tuesday — also create more than memories. They help athletes grow as individuals. Beyond the trophies, that may be the most valuable part of postseason play in prep sports.

Linden keeper Madison Paige was one that learned a lot through her senior experiences with the Eagles.

"I learned I can definitely push myself to be better," Paige said. "I am definitely better than I think I am. My confidence was a big issue last year and past years, so this year I've definitely worked on that a lot. I used to allow a goal and I'd cry. That would ruin me in the Fenton games. This year, I learned to shake it off. Just because I give up a goal, doesn't mean I am a bad goalkeeper. It happens."

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Bloomfield Hills Marian	2	0	-	2	(22-1-0)

Starting lineups					
LIN	Madison Paige (Keeper), Hannah Wabel, Sam Hawkins, Madeleine Zayan, Erica Breitling, Audrey Steiert, Elizabeth Walterhouse, Alia Frederick, Olivia Baiz, Taylor Acox, Teresa Walterhouse.				
MAR	Isabel Hayes (Keeper), Jenna Borellis, Neve Badalow, Claudia Schilling,Emme DeConinck, Maria Kaschalk, Katie Sullivan, Ellie DeConinck, Elaina Eckert, Jansen Eichenlaub, Olivia Zardus.				

Scoring summary					
First Half					
MAR	Ellie DeConinck lead pass from Jansen Eichenlaub for breakaway goal, 26:04.				
MAR	Eichenlaub through pass from Elaina Eckert for goal, 22:43.				

Second Half					
No second half scoring					
Other stats/Notables					
LIN	Yellow Cards: Freeman. Red Cards: None. Corner kick attempts: 3. Shots: Frederick 2, Wabel 2, Steiert, Zayan.				
MAR	Yellow cards: None. Red Cards: None. Corner kick attempts: 4.				

Shots (On Goal)	1	2		Totals
Linden	2(2)	4(2)	-	6 (4)
Marian	11(10)	7(5)	-	18 (15)
Keeper stats		Name		
Linden		Madison Paige		13 saves
Marian		Isabel Hayes		4 saves



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with 22:43 left in the opening half. This time a lead pass to Eichenlaub from Elaina Eckert resulted in a golden scoring chance that wouldn't be missed. The Mustangs led 2-0, and it would be enough to lead Marian to the victory.

Linden struggled mightily in the first half, managing just two shots during the first 40 minutes. Their best chance to score came on a 40-yard shot by First-team All-State performer Alia Frederick, but her shot was saved reasonably easily by Marian's keeper Isabel Hayes.

"They are good," Frederick said. "They are experienced and they have a lot of college-bound players. We have a few too, but they are a very good team. They know how to play. They worked us around. We held our own. I'm proud of us for that, but it didn't turn our way."

In the second half, the weather cooled while the Eagles played more aggressive and tried to be more direct when they had possession. It resulted in a little bit more offense. Perhaps Linden's best scoring chance came within the first two minutes of the start of the second half when Hannah Wabel attempted a shot from about 20 yards out. However, it was saved. Later in the half, a header by Audrey Steiert was saved. Finally, Linden's last good chance to score came on a cross off a corner kick. However, the cross was caught by Hayes. Linden's last shot of the game came on another corner with 8:40 left on a Madeleine



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