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## Artists show off kaleidoscope of winged creatures

■ Twelve uniquely adorned butterfly sculptures unveiled

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**Fenton** — One by one, Lisa Bayer of Fenton pulled the black cloth off the tall fiberglass butterflies under a drum roll provided by Fenton musical mainstays, Tie-Dyed Giants. The butterflies had been painted with the vision of their artists.

The kaleidoscope of butterflies took over downtown Fenton on Friday, June 16.

Rackham Park, behind the Fenton Community and Cultural Center, was filled with art tents, the din of music, and children dressed as butterflies to commemorate the monthly Arts Are the Heart event.

The Fenton Arts Council hosts these events on the third Friday of every month, and this month was special because of the sculptures. These 3-square-foot butterflies were sponsored by local businesses, and painted by local artists ranging

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Artist Catrina Parks of Fenton explains her butterfly sculpture design after it was unveiled with 11 others on Friday, June 16 at Rackham Park in Fenton. She was one of 12 artists whose sculptures were unveiled to kick off the Arts Are the Heart event, hosted by the Fenton Arts Council. The sculptures are made of fiberglass, and were sponsored by various businesses in the community. See video and more photos with the story at [tctimes.com](http://tctimes.com).

## Les Bland dies unexpectedly at the age of 70

■ Sudden illness claims life of former Fenton councilman and long-time DPW director

By Vera Hogan

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Family and friends were shocked to learn of the unexpected death of Leslie P. (Les) Bland on Father's Day morning, June 18.

He had just turned 70 years old in May. Bland's daughters, Autumn and April, reported on his Facebook page on Saturday, June 17, that their father had been admitted to the hospital and asked for prayers for him. Their request resulted in a barrage of well wishes and prayers.

Once news of Bland's death was posted on the Tri-County Times site ([www.tctimes.com](http://www.tctimes.com)) and Facebook page, the com-

ments came pouring in, with scores of people expressing their shock, dismay and prayers for the family (See sidebar).

A native of Indiana, Bland came to Fenton in 1966.

Bland served as Fenton's director of the Department of Public Works for more than 41 years before retiring in 2011. He then ran for a seat on the Fenton City Council and

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Leslie P. Bland

## Judge says 'Tobacco 21' is unenforceable

By Vera Hogan

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On Monday, June 21, Genesee County Circuit Court Judge Judith Fullerton ruled against "Tobacco 21."

According to County Commissioner Drew Shapiro (6<sup>th</sup> District), who was in the

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## Emagine likely not coming to M-59

By Vera Hogan

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Movie-goers eager to visit a possible new state-of-the-art theater in Hartland Township complete with leather reclining seats and alcohol may be disappointed.

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# No support for pet evaluation motion

■ GCAC director says shelter already uses similar protocol

By Hannah Ball

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**Flint Twp.** — A motion to create temporary mandatory holding times and a pet evaluation program for strays didn't receive any support from the Genesee County Board of Commissioners meeting on Monday, June 19.

The motion was brought forth by Commissioner Drew Shapiro, approximately two weeks after a 16-year-old dog, Capone, was euthanized within three hours of being brought to the Genesee County Animal Control (GCAC) shelter.

The motion would require the Animal Control Subcommittee to develop a pet evaluation matrix similar to those used at other shelters across the country as a best practice, Shapiro said. It would have been developed with input from animal control professionals, animal advocates and veterinarians.

"The motion received no second. Although this was disappointing, it will be sent back to the subcommittee for review," he said.

GCAC Director Paul Wallace said they already have a system like the pet evaluation matrix. The veterinarian looks at all the animals that are brought in and assesses their health. Every animal gets processed, heartworm medication, and flea protection.

They're planning on developing a list with signs and symptoms, like the pet evaluation matrix but much simpler, as a way of further documenting the health of the animals.

**Capone**

Wallace was in the building on June 6 when Capone was put down. "Immediately we know he's an old, old dog and he's not walking very well," he said.

He was processed and put in the quiet section of the shelter.

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Genesee County Animal Control Director Paul Wallace takes Times staff reporter Hannah Ball on a tour of the facility on Monday June 19.

"He couldn't get comfortable. It's painful for him to be in there. He can't lay down, he can't stand up and he's crying," he said. The veterinarian did a thorough medical exam and discovered he had neuropathy starting in his tail going up his body.

"Basically it's a paralysis. That's why the dog couldn't walk well. His rear feet — he can't feel them. He can't wag his tail. He's paralyzed essentially from somewhere mid spine back...he can't really stand up. The nails are grown out. Clearly this dog hasn't had any care in a long time."

Because Capone couldn't feel his feet, he was walking on his knuckles and his nails were grown all the way. If another veterinarian could have done any good for Capone, Wallace said they would have gotten him more care.

"If I would have left that animal in a cage for 12 hours — he couldn't stand up, he couldn't move, couldn't turn around, couldn't get comfort-

able — that would have been animal cruelty," he said.

He said the owner was upset when he called, and they offered him the dog's remains.

"He's angry. I don't blame him. It hurts. It's a sad thing. The only thing I would tell him if I got a chance to talk to him was that when his dog was put to sleep, one of the staff held the dog's head in their lap and petted him," he said. "That's what I do when I put my dogs down. I've had quite a few of them. I've always had dogs and cats and I'm right there with them."

Wallace said that 90.6 percent of the animals that are brought in never find an owner.

"There was a 90-percent chance that we would never find the owner," he said.

The dog's owner, Serafin Montoya, said what they're saying is "nonsense."

"What do they expect from a 16-year-old dog?" he said. He reached out to Todd MacDonell, the Linden resident who found Capone, to get his side and ask about Capone's condition. "It's completely different from what they're saying," he said. "It is very upsetting. I'm still pretty much mourning the death of my dog."

## How Google and Apple spy on you

■ Phones can record where you go, how long you're there for, and if you take photos

By Hannah Ball

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Google records what you search for online. It knows where you go, how long you stay there, and if you take any photos there.

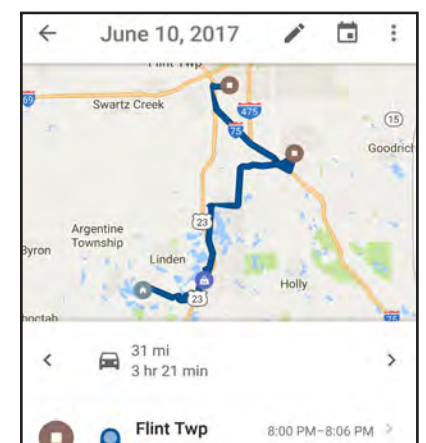
Operating systems for phones and computers seem to become more all-knowing with every passing year, by recording information on searches and locations, and they know more about you than you think.

Two of the biggest players in this business are Google and Apple.

If you search for something online, such as comforters or pillows, expect to see ads for that same product when you're scrolling through Facebook and simply surfing the web. Some internet users might find this helpful — you could find different brands of products you're more interested in. But it could be seen as an invasion of privacy and taking advantage of consumers.

With your location setting turned on, it's not uncommon to get a notification from Google, asking you to rate the restaurant where you're currently eating. You don't even have to "check in" on Facebook for Google

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# If I Were King...

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## Weddings and funerals

At my daughter's wedding a few years ago, the bride and groom gave out little trees as "wedding favors." My comment (completely ignored by my wife) was, "Wedding favors? Isn't it enough that we're feeding 200-plus people a gourmet meal at a swanky country club, providing them with a 10-piece band to dance to, a five-tiered wedding cake for dessert and supplying them with enough booze to keep Congress tomato-faced for a month? Do we really need to give them each a 'favor' also? And, what the hell is a 'wedding favor'?"

Here is what Modern Bride had to say about 'wedding favors' in a recent issue: "Gone are the days of giving guests mixed nuts in little paper cups as wedding favors. Today's brides have so many more options. Start by choosing a unique favor container, such as tiny tins, clear plastic cones or little gossamer bags – and filling them with your favorite treats. The choices are truly endless."

The fact that the choices are endless is just one of the many reasons that today's typical 'modern bride' is lying awake at night, staring at the ceiling thinking, "Where do I get tiny tins? Personalized ribbon? How do I personalize ribbon? Gossamer bags? Should I use gossamer tins with personalized gossamer ribbon or tiny clear plastic gossamer cones with personalized gossamer tins? And what in the hell is a gossamer?"

And so, as the sun peeks over the eastern horizon, the sleepless bride-to-be grimly rises to face another day of endless decision-making for her special day because the planning logistics of today's "modern wedding" make the preparations for a military invasion of a foreign country look like a cakewalk in comparison.

These thousands of decisions include such critical details as (in no particular order): choosing a date, a guest list, a reception site, a photographer, a caterer, where to register for gifts, designing 'unique' invitations, finding out what a

gossamer is, writing vows, centerpieces for the tables, choosing the perfect wedding dress, seating arrangements, flowers, a wedding cake, a band, a church, a minister, finding out how to personalize a gossamer, planning the rehearsal dinner...and literally thousands of other elements that must be absolutely flawless in order to make her special day the PERFECT wedding.

Meanwhile, the bride-to-be will select a half-dozen unfortunate victims to become members of the most abused group of women in America — bridesmaids. These pitiful wretches will be subjected to the timeless tradition of spending hundreds of dollars, and an entire evening, flouncing about in a fluorescent, puffy sleeved, disaster-dress, complete with the requisite rear-mounted bow approximately the size of a stealth bomber.

I agree with my good friend Dave Barry who wonders why it takes a year to plan the PERFECT wedding but only a couple days to put together the PERFECT funeral. The elements are basically the same: a church, a minister, music, flowers, guests, food, relatives you don't like, awkward speeches by nervous speakers — they are basically the same event.

Married. Buried.  
Coincidence? I think not.

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MY POINT IS not every Middle Eastern person in Dearborn or anywhere else for that matter is Muslim. There are Christian Middle Eastern people. You've obviously never been to Dearborn.

MY TEENAGE PET chicken spends all of his time on my computer downloading pictures of plucked chickens from the internet.

GOD BLESS THE angel who not only paid for my groceries at Holly Foods on Monday, June 12, but gave me a hug. Saying thank you isn't enough. I'm praying for you.

I'M JUST WONDERING, how come we have so many police reports in your paper about women leaving their purse in an unlocked car and somebody steals it? Take it into the house or lock it in the trunk.

THREE HOURS TO hold an animal before euthanasia is ridiculous. You can change the name to Genesee County Animal Control but it's always been the animal shelter. You sure they aren't just destroying animals now?

I BET YOU money that the Genesee County animal shelter has a lost and found box with umbrellas that have been there more than three hours.

ANY GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL holding an animal or piece of property for only three hours before destroying is at the very least incompetent, and maybe at the very worst, irresponsible. The county cares for young children and senior citizens that are lost. Do they have a policy about them?

INTERESTING. WE'VE GOT homeless veterans, we've got dumpsters and you're worried about Fido and Fifi. Unbelievable.

DO YOU EVER wonder why there's no love songs to Victoria?

WATCHING THE ANTI-TRUMP protestors, the ones that claim they're anti-fascist and attack people in crowds, the last time I saw behavior like that was in the history books about the Nazis.

IN MAKING AMERICA great again, Trump has handed his major responsibility as commander in chief to his general, who will determine where, when and how many troops will be dispatched throughout the world without review.

CONGRATULATIONS LINDEN GIRLS soccer on a great season. You represented our area well, from a Fenton soccer alumna.

AS A LIBERAL, I am absolutely sickened by the shooting situation in Virginia. I am praying for Scalisa and his fellow congressmen. Please remember that the actions of one do not define the actions of an entire group.

TODAY I IDENTIFY as a Styrofoam cup. Do I get my own bathroom?

LOOKS LIKE THE Hot-liner that told us to brace ourselves for more bombings and massacres since the court blocked the travel ban (again) was right. We did have a massacre, a mass shooting done by a white male. Are we going to put a travel ban on the deranged white male?

I CRINGE WHEN I see the word 'biological' referring to children 'born' into your family. As a mom of three adopted children and our oldest daughter who was 'born to us,' I prefer to say that. The whole human race is 'biological.' And by the way, pets are 'rescued' not 'adopted.'

TO THE PERSON who thought Democrats were flying their flags on June 14 because it was Trump's birthday. It was 'Flag Day,' which is far more important than someone's birthday.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

Compiled by William Hogan

## What are your thoughts on the Bill Cosby case?



"I would say that it (the mistrial) was expected because of his status."

—Malisa Clendenin  
Fenton



"I believe he is guilty. Too many cases against him. I don't think that many women are conspiracy theorizing against him"

—Jessica Worden  
Linden



"Who really knows what goes on behind closed doors? It's not for me to judge. He helped so many people, so many, so often, so early on. I saw him once live, I thought he was very clever and his ability to speak was second to none."

—S.K. Brown  
Fenton



"It's a classic Hollywood-style case, that really has no merit because it has been so long, but America thrives on sensationalism."

—Mark Peterson  
Tyrone Township



"He did come forward about drugging and touching women. Makes me wonder why there was a mistrial. It should have been a clear-cut case. He basically confessed to the crimes. I don't know if it was because of his wealth and celebrity status or not."

—Cassandra Miron  
Fenton

## streettalk





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The cardboard box regatta is a popular activity at the annual Shiawassee River Fest.

# River Fest is this Sunday

## ■Event to take place at Linden Mill Pond

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The Keepers of the Shiawassee River will be hosting its annual Shiawassee River Fest on Sunday, June 25, from 12 to 7 p.m. The event takes place at the Linden Mill Pond this year.

Featured activities include live local music from 12 to 7 p.m., kayak/paddle board demos, arts and crafts, business and food vendors.

The popular cardboard boat regatta will take place as well as a kayak raffle, fishing tournament and more.

“The Shiawassee River has become a destination for kayakers and canoeists from all over Michigan and neighboring states,” said Brad Jacob, chairman of the Keepers of the Shiawassee River. “The appeal is the ‘Up North Close By’ feeling paddlers get as the river flows through floodplains, high banks, wooded areas, farm fields and quaint communities. Its twists, turns, beaver dams and occasional ponds add adventure to their trips.”

The Keepers of The Shiawassee are an all-volunteer group dedicated to

keeping the river clean and passable to river enthusiasts.

“We are coordinating with municipalities and river groups up and down river to acquire a National River Trail Designation, one of only 13 in the nation,” said Jacob.

The Keepers are working to improve launch infrastructure along the river to increase access.

“We currently have projects in the works with the city of Fenton at the dam, a full calendar of paddling events, river cleanups, water quality testing, and signage projects.

Sunday’s Shiawassee River Fest Music Festival is the Keepers’ main fundraiser for the year.

“We are looking for sponsors,” said Jacob. “With your help, we can continue our efforts to maintain a healthy river that is accessible to all.”

Outdoor tourism brings 3.2 million visitors and over a billion dollars to our state, said Jacob. Visitors to the river spend time and money in the communities that the river flows through.

“Please consider helping us by contributing to our projects either through sponsorship or donation,” he said.

For more information visit [www.keepersoftheshiawassee.com](http://www.keepersoftheshiawassee.com).

# Longest day of the year means summer is officially here

## ■Annual solstice sunset will be at 9:16 p.m. today

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Happy first day of summer!

It’s also the longest day of the year, which outdoor enthusiasts are usually happy about because it gives them extra time to enjoy an early morning run or a late night boat ride — or doing whatever they normally enjoy doing during the daylight hours.

There are two solstices each year — one in the winter and one in the summer. The summer solstice occurs when the tilt of Earth’s axis is most inclined toward the sun and is directly above the Tropic of Cancer.

It actually signals the moment the sun’s path stops moving northward in the sky, and the start of days becoming steadily shorter as the slow march to winter begins.

The shortest day of the year will take place on Thursday, Dec. 21 and is known as the winter solstice.

In the southern hemisphere the dates of the two solstices are reversed. The winter solstice occurs on the same day in June and the summer solstice the same day in December.

At the winter solstice, the Earth’s axis is tilted farthest away from the sun directly over the Tropic of Capricorn, bringing only a few hours of daylight.

Dec. 21 will be eight hours and 49 min-

utes shorter than the June 21 solstice, when the sun will set at 9:13 p.m. in Michigan.

## FUN THINGS TO DO ON THE LONGEST DAY

**Watch the sunset** — Identify a good spot in advance and enthrall yourself with the stunning hues of nature as the sun goes down.

**Barbecue, cookout, pool party or picnic** — This is easily one of the most popular ideas for celebrating the solstice; a fun, sociable activity that everyone enjoys.

**Take a walk in the woods** — It can be among the most relaxing and invigorating things to do: stroll along foot paths listening to bird song, enjoying the sights and smells of the woods — sure to get you charged up!

**Visit the beach** — You can do as much or as little as you like at the beach.

**Take in a concert** — If there isn’t something in your immediate vicinity, you can probably find one within an hour’s drive from the Fenton area.

**Go fishing** — Or golfing or whatever it is that you enjoy doing most. A day out in the sun and fresh air will do you good!

**Be a ‘day tripper’** — Visit a monument, a museum, a park, a wildlife preserve, zoo, or a historical site.

Sources: [tomatoink.com](http://tomatoink.com) and [telegraph.uk](http://telegraph.uk)



## HOT LINE CONTINUED

IT IS TIME for Congress to question why their method of governing is so provoking that it causes someone to use a gun.

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## Smile...you've just taken a selfie

■ Whether for self-esteem, flirting, sharing adventures, they are here to stay

By Sally Rummel

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Selfies are popping up everywhere in the world of social media — a phenomenon that has gone way beyond the simple definition of “a photograph of yourself, taken by yourself.”

Taken by activating the front-facing camera on most smartphones, selfies are especially popular among teens and the 18- to 34-year-old demographic, according to Mastersinpsychologyguide.com.

That's because young people in this age group are heavier digital users than their older counterparts. Because most people have access to their phones all the time, they can easily take selfies without having to find a camera. It's with them 24/7.

You'll find selfies displayed mostly on social media, with photo-based social networks like Instagram and Snapchat creating even more selfie opportunities.

Instagram offers many filters that you can use to make your selfies look instantly aged, artsy or highlighted.

Snapchat allows users to chat using photos or videos that self-destruct a few seconds after being opened by the recipient, so the goal can be to take as many selfies as possible to keep the messages going.

Facebook isn't as big a platform for self-

ies as Instagram or Snapchat, but having access to Facebook via mobile apps makes it easy to post selfies for friends to see.

Why do people take selfies?

For younger people, it's often a way to stay connected to relationships, either romantic interests or friendships. It can also be today's high-tech method of flirting, especially if someone is too shy to do it in person.

Taking a selfie can be a way for people to genuinely express themselves by posting online what they are doing or thinking at a given time — it's not always driven by narcissism.

Sometimes it's the exact opposite. For people who feel less than confident with their own self-image, they'll post a selfie to get more comfortable with their own appearance.

Other people do like to get noticed on social media and get attention from as many people as possible.

Every “like,” share and positive comment can be a boost to their confidence. In real life, people are constantly trying to stand out, and the selfie helps some people make their own statement to the world.

Selfies can help young people express their own identity by capturing a moment in their lives that meant something to them, helping them make a difference.

Selfies can also be a way to document your own life, your vacations, your special events, etc. It's all about being social and sharing your daily events where hundreds of people will see it. It's as close to being a celebrity as most people will be.

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### Hard work, determination, and success — a sports perspective

In my journey through life, I have experienced many things and have done my best to listen to people who give good advice.

I would hope that all follow this path and a habit I have developed is to read about what successful people say about reaching their goals.

Since I love sports, for this week's column I will share what some rather famous sports figures have told us about the topic.

"It's not whether you get knocked down, it's whether you get up." — Vince Lombardi, football coach

"Never let the fear of striking out get in your way." — Babe Ruth, baseball player

"Never let your head hang down. Never give up and sit down and grieve, find another way." — Satchel Paige, baseball player

"It ain't over til it's over." —

Yogi Berra, baseball player

I'll stop with this last quote but as one can easily see, the four quoted Hall of Fame figures tell us that the key to success is never giving up.

Each of these men worked their way up the sports ladder to achieve success and stardom. Their words carry great weight because they backed them up with their own actions.

I fully realize that this column is supposed to be about the law and so far, I haven't really mentioned much about it.

However my message today actually does relate to my being a lawyer, because when I first became one it was made clear to me that I was not only a lawyer but a counselor as well.

I have always believed that giving good counsel is as important as giving good advice on the law. Keeping in line with being a counselor, my counseling here is simply this — no matter what you do for a living or in your life's affairs always strive to do your best.

In my present position as a judge, I sometimes see people in court who unfortunately haven't lived up to this goal and don't realize how it affects their families and friends.

Getting back to some sports advice, I will leave you with this from Mr. Lombardi — "The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor."

## Fenton Township stalls on two special assessments

### Projects would improve Dartmouth Drive and Eleanor Street

By Hannah Ball

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**Fenton Twp.** — Because of resident input at the Monday meeting, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees scheduled two more public hearings for two special assessment districts meant to improve two roads.

One public hearing pertained to the Dartmouth Drive Road Improvement Special Assessment District. In 2014, the board established a road improvement special assessment district for repaving Dartmouth Drive. However, when engineers were designing the project, the Genesee County Road Commission discovered that portions of the existing road were outside of the existing right-of-way.

The commission recommended moving the right-of-way to match the existing road, instead of moving the road back. Several property owners had to sign right-of-way agreements to formally convey the appropriate legal descriptions to the county. Two property owners would not sign the agreement, and the project could not be constructed. The board asked the GCRC to redesign the project to exclude the locations with no right-of-way agreement.

Operations Manager/Deputy Clerk Thomas Broecker said the district includes 14 or 15 property owners.

At the Monday meeting, the board planned to dissolve the existing district and then establish a new one to only include properties that benefit from the project.

However, multiple Dartmouth Drive residents spoke expressed concerns over the cost three years ago compared to the cost of the new district. One expressed concerns about the drainage issue.

Treasurer John Tucker said there didn't seem like there was enough support from the residents who attended the meeting on Monday to create a new special assessment district. The board dissolved the old district, and scheduled another public hearing for the next meeting, July 10.

### Eleanor Street

The second special assessment district in question is the resurfacing of Eleanor Street from Owen Road to Island View Drive. The township board received a petition from property owners fronting Eleanor Street between Owen Road and Island View Drive to establish a special assessment district to repave the street.

However, residents on Island View Drive, Chateaux du Lac, Barrington Hills, Pavilion Drive, Pavilion Court and Pine Bluff Court would also be included in the district because they would benefit from the resurfacing as well.

The issue raised by residents at the Monday meeting was whether people who don't live on Eleanor Street should be included in the district and have to pay for it.

Township Attorney Jack Belzer said it seems inappropriate to him that the township would tax parcels of land but the residents don't get a say on it.

"It just doesn't seem correct," he said.

The board postponed taking any action on this issue Monday and will discuss it July 10.

## News briefs

### STORM SEWER WORK ON NORTH HOLLY ROAD

The Road Commission for Oakland County will begin storm sewer work on North Holly Road, just north of Evans Road in Holly Township on **Monday, June 26**. During the work, the road will remain open to traffic under flag control. One lane will remain open in the work zone. The storm sewer installation on the east side of North Holly Road will help alleviate water that is frequently over the road following storm events. The work is expected to last approximately one week and should be completed approximately June 30. North Holly Road carries approximately 7,000 vehicles daily.

## Social News

### ANNIVERSARY



### STONES CELEBRATE 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Glyn and Jane Stone, formerly of Pontiac and Holly, will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on June 28, 2017. The couple moved to Holly in 1970 and then relocated to Lillian, Alabama in 1991 where they reside today. Their family would like friends and family to join them in celebrating at a picnic at **1 p.m., on Saturday, June 24, 2017** at 7009 E. Atherton Rd. Davison, MI 48423. For more details or any questions, call Rodney at (810) 252-5615. They will be staying at the same address until July 4, 2017. The family is looking forward to seeing everyone.

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## EMAGINE

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According to whmi.com, Livingston County officials have rejected establishing a tax district in Hartland Township, which would effectively kill development plans for the Emagine movie theater.

The new entertainment venue was planned at Hartland Towne Square in Hartland Township on the north side of M-59, just 13 miles from Fenton.

According to a May 12 Tri-County Times article, the 64,000-square-foot theater would be built on undeveloped land south of the Meijer store and would feature 10 screens, plus an IMAX-style screen, which the company called an "EMAX experience."

Setting this movie theater apart from nearby theaters, NCG Trillium in Grand Blanc and MJR Digital Cinemas in Brighton, would have been the serving of craft beer, wine and cocktails.

Features, including leather reclining seats, were also in the works.

Hartland Township Planning Director Troy Langer said in May that plaza owner Ramco-Gershenson Properties Trust

was in the process of obtaining a liquor license. "They've applied for it. They're in the process," said Langer.

Developers have also requested a tax abatement, which has slowed down the process, according to Langer.

The Livingston County Board of Commissioners voted 5-4 on Monday, June 19 to reject Hartland Township's decision to establish a Commercial Rehabilitation District. The township had sought to establish the district so the proposed Emagine movie theater would be eligible for tax abatement over a seven-year period.

Emagine Entertainment officials and developers have previously said the project, with an estimated \$15 million budget, would not be justified without the seven-year abatement worth \$500,000, according to whmi.com.

At the county's meeting, Emagine Entertainment CEO Paul Glantz said if the district were denied, his best idea moving forward would be to pursue another community for the project. Following the meeting and board's decision, he declined to comment.

## KALEIDOSCOPE

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from amateur to professional.

Joan Horcha of the Fenton Arts Council said this year's Art is the Heart theme of butterflies was chosen because of the newly gifted steel butterfly sculpture, and its new home on LeRoy street. "Also, butterflies represent transformation," said Horcha. "The city of Fenton is transforming into a more beautiful and culturally exciting destination."

The gathered crowd gasped and applauded, celebrating the individual visions painted by an artist on fiberglass butterfly sculptures.

Mark Hamel of The Laundry emceed the unveiling, and handed the microphone off to the artists to talk about what inspired their designs.

Artist Jill Creech Bauer of Flint said, "Obviously I like bright colors." Her design is bold, with decisively drawn solid colors in geometric shapes. "And I like abstract work. I started adding background and filling in details."

While all the sculptures were done with care for the design and rendering of it, her story is unique in that she's only been painting for nine months, and was also awarded a place at Art Prize in Grand Rapids.

The designs range from Creech Bauer's bold, primary colors, to nearly photo-realistic airbrushing, to mosaic pieces to an ode to Michigan seasons and wildlife.

The sculptures are available for viewing at 12 local businesses (see sidebar.) They're also for sale.



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Adding to the butterfly theme are children and 'tweens in butterfly costumes.

Go to [www.FentonArtsCouncil.com](http://www.FentonArtsCouncil.com) for more information.

"We feel art and culture are very important to our community. Many studies have published sophisticated reports showing the positive impact the arts have on a community," said Horcha.

The next event is July 21, followed by August 18, from 4 to 7 p.m.

### SCULPTURE LOCATIONS

- The Laundry
- Crust
- El Topo
- Behind Your Design
- Brad Hoffman Agency, Inc.
- Sawyer Jewelers and Salon 416
- The State Bank
- Lasco Ford
- Jennifer Lasco Real Estate
- Peabody Insurance Agency
- Tanglewood Assisted Living
- Uncle Ray's Dairyland

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

MR. PRESIDENT, DO you ever wake up in the middle of the night thinking 'Wow, I'm in way over my head.' Well, I do whenever you send out one of your mindless tweets.

ANIMAL CONTROL DESPERATELY needs a new veterinarian if '16 years of experience' thinks that a limp and whining while in a cage are cause to end a dog's life. Someone tell Mark Young that's the real idiot.

HERE'S THE DIFFERENCE with your argument about seeing idiots with Hitler/Obama signs. You're seeing Democratic senators and congressmen that are doing these same kinds of things, as well as leftist idiots. Democrats are so hypocritical it's laughable.

HOW LONG BEFORE that ugly orange barrel is removed and the light fixed at Shiawassee and LeRoy? It's been there for months. It's such a shame, shows no pride in all the beautiful work that has been done downtown.

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LES BLAND

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Among Bland's many accomplishments includes the overseeing of construction of the city's state-of-the-art Water Treatment and Department of Public Works (DPW) facilities.

In fact, a sign will be going up on the public works building on Alloy Drive that renames it the "Leslie P. Bland Public Works Facility."

The honor was bestowed upon Bland at his 70th birthday party given by his family at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center on May 13.

At that party, the city surprised him with the unveiling of an artist rendering of the sign that will be placed on the building sometime this summer.

Bland was visibly moved by the gesture. He said at the time, "I think it's great. It really surprised me. I had the party and my son flew up from Arizona, which was also a surprise. Then they popped that (the sign) on me which was another surprise. It's a good deal, it's great."

Bland was planning to run for Fenton City Council again this November and was in the process of getting his petitions signed.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, June 23, 2017 at The Freedom Center, 2473 W. Shiawassee Ave., with Pastor Jim Weigand officiating. Visitation will be held from 1 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, June 22, at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Bland is survived by four children, three siblings and four grandchildren.

The Fenton DPW (Department of Public Works) employees will take out the entire fleet of vehicles to escort Bland's body to The Freedom Center. DPW vehicles from other communities are expected to join them. The procession will leave Sharp Funeral Home on Silver Lake Road at 10:30 a.m. It will proceed east (left) on Silver Lake Road to S. LeRoy Street, where it will turn south (right), and drive past Fenton City Hall. It will turn west (right) on W. Shiawassee and go on to The Freedom Center.

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Facebook comments

The following is a small sampling of the many things people had to say about Leslie P. Bland and his death on Sunday, June 18. Throughout the day, there were nearly 11,000 page views.

**Becky Williams:** I'm so sad to see this. Condolences to family and friends. Clearly he made an impact on those around him.

**Mary Ann Brostek:** He will be truly missed by so many, especially the Fenton Lions Club.

**Bev Tippet:** Very sad news. A champion for Fenton. Condolences to his family.

**Laurie Isenberg:** This is so sad. Les was so knowledgeable about Fenton and he had such a kind heart. His dedication to his family and to the city were huge.

**Barbara Butts Bisbee:** So so sorry. Worked with at the cemetery. Good man.

**Thomas Hufton:** Going to miss my friend. Prayers to his family.

**Denise Dunfield:** Sad — he was a really good guy.

**Tresa Squires:** Such a loss — prayers to the family.

**Karen Piacentini:** Such a loss. Prayers to the family.

GOOGLE

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Apple was in the hot seat in 2011 when it was revealed that they stored geographical locations for users on an unprotected file, according to wired.com. Apple explained their data storing in regards to location to Congress members in 2010.

This geographical information is only recorded if you have the location services option turned on. Critics say it's an invasion of privacy and Apple has said that it helps them provide quicker and more precise location services with GPS.

However, there's a setting in iPhones that lets you look at your location history. It can tell you how often you've visited work, home, stores, and other places. Samsung devices have this feature too, and also includes photos you've taken while at those locations. This means that if someone steals your iPhone, they have access to information on where you travel, where you go to work, where your home is, and any other locations you travel to with your phone.

To avoid this, go to your settings button on your phone and go to location settings. Next, simply turn the location feature off.

Google also records every word you type into its search bar—whether you hit enter or not, according to usnews.com. This also applies to search engines like Firefox and Safari.

Google can even scan and record emails if the email server uses that company.

Your incoming emails from Yahoo or Hotmail could be scanned, according to usnews.com, and you may delete emails, but Google does not. Even if you type an email and opt not to send it, the company

could save everything you write.

Popular sites owned by Google, such as YouTube, supply Google with even more data like how long you watch kitten and puppy videos at work. The company regularly tracks what pages you visit, how long you visit them for, what you do on that page, whether you buy something or just click around, and they record the page you were on before and the page you went to after.

Both Google and Apple have gotten in trouble for overstepping their bounds.

In 2012, the Federal Trade Commission fined Google \$22.5 million for illegally tracking people who use Apple's iPhone, iPad and Macintosh computers.

In 2010, the FCC discovered that Google was collecting information like passwords, emails, browsing histories, financial records and more from unencrypted Wi-Fi networks using Street View. They were collecting information like this for at least three years in more than 30 countries. The FCC fined them \$25,000.

Other ways Google tracks you

**Google AdSense:** Website owners can sprinkle small ads provided by Google on their site. You don't have to click on an ad for Google to collect information on what sites you're visiting.

**Google AdWords:** Website owners can embed targeted Google ads as words into their text content. Again, just looking at the page gives Google information.

**Widgets:** The tiny icons let you tell people on Facebook that you like the page you're on and also allows Google to collect data

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courtroom with RPF Oil, which filed a lawsuit on May 12 challenging the new ordinance, the judge ruled against it because "it is unenforceable."

Monday, May 15 was supposed to be the day that retailers in Genesee County would be forced to abide by the new Tobacco 21 ordinance, prohibiting anyone under the age of 21 from purchasing tobacco products in the county.

But the lawsuit filed by RPF Oil Company in Grand Blanc challenged that ordinance. RPF is a family business founded in 1933 by Richard Paul Fleckenstein. Now run by grandsons Dan and John Fleckenstein, RPF supplies gasoline and diesel to more than 100 Michigan gas stations, according to rpf.com.

The lawsuit alleged that the regulation, adopted by the Genesee County Board of Commissioners on Feb. 14 is in

direct conflict with the Age of Majority Act (MCL 722.51), and direct conflicts with the sign requirements of the Youth Tobacco Act (MCL 722.641(2).

"Judge Fullerton ruled in favor of the oil company and the attorney general," said Shapiro.

Shapiro said he has never argued against the fact that the use of tobacco products can result in some serious health issues.

"This is about avoiding a lawsuit and saving taxpayer dollars on unwinnable lawsuits," he said.

"If this is how the American Heart Association spends its money people should be careful who they donate the money to."

This particular lawsuit, according to Shapiro, cost the American Heart Association and Trinity Health \$50,000.

"I hope the residents of Genesee County see my efforts and recognize that I am fighting against a political machine that has been operating at status quo for decades," he said.

Shapiro said the Board of Commissioners is meeting to see if they want to appeal Fullerton's decision.

"If they do, which I think is absurd, I will vehemently oppose it the way I already have," he said.



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# Linden's third-annual Gus Macker 3-on-3 tourney begins on Saturday

By David Troppens

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When one talks to Gus Macker founder and owner Scott McNeal his energy is contagious.

The 3-on-3 basketball tournament he began in his parent's driveway in 1974 remains a thriving and popular summer event. McNeal (alias Gus Macker) has hosted thousands of events not only

around the state of Michigan, but around the country. He'll talk about those first years, and about his Gus Macker Hall of Fame Inductions. He loves to talk about the innovations brought to this summer's games. Basically, he'll discuss just about any Gus Macker conversation with great zeal.

However, according to

McNeal, there seems to be at least one person who seems as excited and energetic about Gus Macker as the 44-year owner. That is Linden Community Schools Superintendent and chairperson of the Linden Gus Macker tournament Ed Koledo.

"There are very few places

where the superintendent gets as excited about it as Ed. He's become a Macker legend," McNeal said. "He gets everyone fired up. We saw him at a conference and he was pretty emotional about being back (he missed last year's Gus Macker due to his military service) and was as engaged as ever. Everyone in the Gus Macker community

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## Times Sports



## FirstTry Triathlon remains a hit with area athletes

■ Young, old and everyone in between finds success at seventh annual event

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**Fenton Twp.** — At 13 years old, Midland's Shelbee Simanskey was one of the youngest competitors at the seventh-annual FirstTry/FastTri Triathlon held at Linden County Park on Saturday morning.

She also proved to be one of the fastest. Simanskey, who will be attending Midland Dow High School in the fall, won the women's race at the FastTry Triathlon, just edging out Gaines' Erin Ward, who was a remarkable story herself, by six seconds.

Simanskey was making her second appearance at the Linden event. She ended up winning based on her swim performance. Despite the swim being only 300 yards long, Simanskey was the first woman out of Byram Lake, finishing it in 5:17.5. Meanwhile it took Ward 7:46.1 to finish the swim. From there, Ward closed the gap during the 9.1-mile bike portion and the two were running next to each other during the 2-mile run portion. However, Simanskey pulled away in the final 100 yards, earning the win in what was idea 70-degree and overcast weather. Simanskey didn't expect to win the event.

"Base on the results from last year, I would've had to go twice as fast as I usually go, but I did it," Simanskey said. "At one point we were running right next to each other.

"I really like the event. The hills are a

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Competitors in the FastTry portion of the FirstTry Triathlon (above) begin the swim portion of their race. Midland's Shelbee Simanskey (far left) won the women's FastTry event with a time of 50:58.5, while Fenton's Chad Brizendine won the men's FastTry event with a time of 41:27.6. There were 202 participants in Saturday's race.



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Lake Fenton's new boys varsity basketball coach is Brian McInerney. He replaces Jake Erway who resigned the position after five years at the helm. McInerney met with the players within the program on Friday.

## McInerney takes over as Lake Fenton's varsity boys basketball coach

By David Troppens

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Brian McInerney has coached basketball and football teams for years at many different Flint area schools.

He's been at Flushing, Powers, Mt. Morris and Grand Blanc coaching at various all sorts of levels, so his name may be familiar to some. But now he's getting the job opportunity he's never had before, one as the head varsity head coach of a boys basketball program.

McInerney was recently named the Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball coach, replacing Jake Erway who resigned the position in May. McInerney is excited.

"I lived in the community for a brief stint and became familiar with the people here," McInerney said. "My oldest son is a graduate of Fenton High School. I saw the opportunity and was excited to apply for the position right away."

Lake Fenton athletic director Vince Cicalo said there were about 10 candidates selected to be interviewed and that McInerney made it to the second round. Each finalist worked with the kids for about 20 minutes.

"I felt very positive with the way he worked with the guys," Cicalo said. "He was high energy and not just acting as a coach but interacting with the guys. He was doing the things we thought a coach should do in practice."

McInerney had his first chance to work with some of the players expected

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## New organizers help triathlon grow

By David Troppens

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**Fenton Twp.** — The seventh-annual FirstTry/FastTry Triathlon had new leadership running the event, but it was hard to tell the difference to the casual observer at Linden County Park on Saturday morning.

Just as the event had in each of the past six seasons, races started flawlessly and the course remained pretty much the same.

In fact, numbers grew to 202 participants this season. That's pretty good considering the event's future at one time in January looked bleak.

However, since then new race organizers, led by race director Erika Bramlett were able to pump life back into the event and do so with a large field and a large volunteer presence.

The fact that it remains a part of the tri-county summer sched-

ule, thrills past race director Dan Skinner.

"When I saw there were 200 entrants I couldn't have been happier," Skinner said. "I'm glad it's grown. We were probably around 150 when we started and it keeps growing. Every year it is a pain in the butt putting it together, but when you see says like today, that's when you are rewarded."

Bramlett said the race remains

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Linden's Dan Skinner



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nice challenge, especially on the run during the cross country portion.”

Ward was a bit upset after the event, but she was a success story of her own considering she had given birth to her daughter, Lilly, just nine months ago. She held Lilly after the race, with Lilly wearing a shirt saying she was a future tri-athlete.

“I was a little disappointed, but that’s OK,” Ward, 33, said. “I caught her right on the bike and from there it was back-and-forth. When I saw I was more than double her age, I was like, ‘Oh man.’

Ward’s pregnancy didn’t keep her from training.

“I trained through my whole pregnancy until Lilly was born,” Ward said.

Simanskey and Ward finished eighth and ninth, overall, in the FastTry event, an event for race veterans.

The male overall winner was Fenton’s Chad Brizendine. Brizendine was the first out of the lake (5:43.8) and first off the bike by a considerable margin, taking just 23:19 to finish the 9-1 mile bike course. He finished the race in 41:27.6. He was greeted by his three children after the event.

“It’s more of an obsession, really,” Brizendine said. “I train to keep in shape and to keep up with these guys.”

Milford’s Ed Nicholson was the male masters winner and also finished second overall, finishing with a time of 45:35.2. This was his third time competing in the event.

“I wanted to win it. I got second all three times,” Nicholson said. “I am a trail runner. That’s why I always feel I could go faster in the run.”



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Competitors of the FirstTry Triathlon, including Fenton’s Monica Leduc (middle) prepare to exchange their swim gear for their cycling gear during Saturday’s race.

The female masters winner was one of Fenton’s most well-known road runners. Lisa Veneziano took 11th overall with a time of 52:32.6. She was the third woman to finish.

Perhaps the competitor with the most experience at the event was Linden’s Dan Skinner. Skinner has been at all seven events either as a competitor or the race director. He placed sixth overall with a time of 49:07.7.

“It’s all about maintenance at this age. I’m in good shape and I work at it,” Skinner said. “I have the time and the wearwithall to train. ... I ran cross country and track in high school and college. I started competitively swimming when I was 6, so I enjoy competing. It’s just

in me. ... I don’t care about winning, but competing and measuring myself against other people. It’s a rewarding feeling knowing you can still keep up.”

FastTry athletes made up about one-third of the 202 competitors at the event. The rest were the rookies, or the FirstTry athletes.

Fenton’s Noah Maier was the first FirstTry competitor to finish (46:34.8) while Northville’s Daniel Genord was second (53:50.7) and Linden’s Liam Sack was third (55:54.2). The first FirstTry woman to finish the race was Ann Arbor’s Danielle Kapustka who placed fifth overall (57:06.6).

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This weekend’s Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament to be held at Hyatt Elementary School will attract over 500 athletes of various ages to Linden.

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enjoys and appreciates him.”

Koledo will be able to display his enthusiasm for the event this weekend, when the third-annual Linden Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament begins with Saturday’s opening ceremony at 8 a.m. at Linden’s Hyatt Elementary School. Games among more than 500 athletes will continue through Saturday and conclude late afternoon on Sunday with the awards ceremony. In between there will be plenty of basketball, free-throw contests, three-point contests, bank shot contests and great food.

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to fill the program on Friday morning. The practice was constant motion with no real lulls during it.

“Twenty-four kids showed up and I’m looking forward to getting to know them and seeing what they bring to the table so we can keep being successful at Lake Fenton.

“I was mostly impressed with the enthusiasm and their willingness to get down to business. I threw a lot at them intentionally to see how they would do. ... They did well.”

Lake Fenton doesn’t have the world’s greatest history when it comes to Lake Fenton boys basketball, but the Blue Devils’ recent history has been pretty awesome. Erway took over the program in 2012, right before the varsity season began. He coached varsity for five years and posted some impressive numbers, including two of Lake Fenton’s best back-to-back seasons in school history.

A strong senior class led the Blue Devils to a 17-3 regular season two years ago, eventually earning the Blue Devils their first Class B district title in school history. The team advanced to the regional final that season. Last winter the Blue Devils made school history again, winning the program’s first-ever regional championship at any class and played in its first state quarterfinal game in school history. Led by the program’s all-time leading scorer Jalen Miller, Lake Fenton finished the season with a 19-7 mark.

However, Erway graduated from college and felt it was time to move on since he wasn’t completely sure where his future would take him in May. That left the Blue Devils without their greatest senior class in school history and their head coach. Prior to the last two seasons’ tourney success, it had been since 1997 that the Blue Devils won a district crown.

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true to its initial purpose, to give people a chance to experience a triathlon.

“I love that it is open to athletes of all abilities,” Bramlett said. “First-timers are the key and that’s what we are attracting here. And the kids, the kids come out here as well.”

The event has shortened distances. The swim in Byram Lake is only 300 yards, followed by a 9.1 bike ride and a two-mile run. Those who sign up can find constant encouragement on the event’s Face-

book page. And while it is designed for first-time competitors, the FastTry event enables those who are veterans to the race to give it a whirl each season.

People seem to love the event, and the athletes attracted to the event.

“I enjoy meeting the people, the social aspect,” competitor Ed Nicholson said. “It’s fun meeting new people and friends who are like-minded people.”



“I compete to stay healthy and I enjoy the people and the events,” Skinner said. “The rest of the people are just out here to measure their fitness.”

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### FUNERAL ETIQUETTE

When you arrive at the funeral home, go to the family, and express your sympathy with an embrace or by offering your hands. Don't feel as though you must avoid talking about the person who has died.

Talking can help the grieving process begin. If you were an acquaintance of the deceased but not well-known to the family, immediately introduce yourself. Do not feel uncomfortable if you or the family member becomes emotional or begins to cry.

Allowing the family to grieve is a natural healing process. However, if you find yourself becoming extremely upset, it would be kinder to excuse yourself so as not to increase the strain on the family.

Source: thefuneralsource.org



**Kathleen  
Irene Burgess**  
1928-2017

Kathleen Irene Burgess - age 88, of Fenton, formerly of Gaines, died June 16, 2017. Funeral services will be held 2 PM Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Chaplain Andy Pugh will officiate. Visitation was held 4-8 PM Tuesday, June 20, 2017. Those desiring may make contributions to the American Diabetes Association. Kathleen was born December 8, 1928 in Morrice, the daughter of Louie and Hazel (Lawcock) DeBarr. She was married to Eugene Curtis Burgess on July 30, 1948 in Angola, IN. Kathleen worked for General Motors for 13 years, then for the Linden Schools in the Cafeteria. She belonged to a women's card club for many years and she loved to cook. Her life was devoted to taking care of her son, Don, then in the later years he took care of her. She is survived by her daughter, Diana (Ron) Lumsden; grandson, Brent (Kate) Lumsden; great-grandsons, Branden, Kai and Ezra; sisters, Sue Spradley, Ione Delzer and Maxine Spencer; many nieces, nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son, Donald; grandson, Chris Lumsden; seven brothers and a sister. Tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



**Donald  
Thomas Toor**  
1934-2017

Donald Thomas Toor - age 83, of Fenton and Englewood, FL, died Friday, June 16, 2017 at his residence. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Thursday, June 22, 2017 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton with Fr. Jim Rolph celebrant. Interment will follow at Fariview Cemetery in Linden. Visitation will be held 12-8 PM Wednesday at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton where a rosary will be prayed at 7 PM. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make memorial contributions to Reverence Hospice. Mr. Toor was born April 23, 1934 in Detroit, the son of Stanley and Agnes (Cummings) Toor. He married Mary Jane Rogosky on February 19, 1955 and she preceded him in death on May 24, 2009. Mr. Toor retired as a supervisor at UPS after 30 years of service. Surviving are: three daughters, Denise (Martin) Pitman of Fenton, Diana (Robert) Mars of Fenton, and Danielle (Kenneth) Beckman of Linden; six grandchildren, Dustin, Shana, Matthew, Ryan, Stephanie and Shelby; two great-grandchildren; brother, Stanley (Barbara) Toor of FL; sister, Delores (Flirt) Jean of Rockwood, MI; many nieces and nephews also survive. He was preceded in death by: his wife, Mary Jane and son, Donald. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituary page of [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



**Edward Allan  
Bjorling**  
1930-2017

Edward Allan Bjorling - age 87, of Fenton, died Friday, June 16, 2017. Services will be held 10 AM Thursday, June 22, 2017 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton (casual patriotic attire is requested). Interment will follow at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly. Visitation will be held 1-4 and 6-8 PM Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at the funeral home. Mr. Bjorling was born February 27, 1930 in Buffalo, NY, the son of George and Pauline (Sherman) Bjorling. He attended Fenton High School and was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during the Korean War. Mr. Bjorling married Eileen Joyce Orritt on November 8, 1952 in Fenton and she preceded him in death. He retired from General Motors as a supervisor in purchasing working in the Pontiac Fiero division. Mr. Bjorling was a former member of First Presbyterian Church of Fenton and was attending Venture Church in Hartland. He enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, hunting, and golfing, with his family. Surviving are: three children, Debbie Bjorling Uhley of Hartland, Bradley (Josie) Bjorling of Jerome, and Clark Bjorling of Fenton; two grandchildren, Matthew and Brianna Uhley; brother, George Bjorling of Findlay, OH; sister, Sandra Lemon of Fenton; brother-in-law, Pat Feetham; sister-in-law, Pat Orritt; and several nieces and nephews also survive. He was preceded in death by: his wife; his parents; his sister, Myrna Feetham; and sister-in-law, Bonnie Bjorling. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituary page of [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



**Marie Rita Doyon**  
1929-2017

Marie Rita Doyon - age 87, passed from this earthly life to go home to be with our heavenly Father and Jesus, her savior, after a relatively short battle with cancer. She was able to stay at home with her daughters during her illness, which her family is very grateful for. Marie was born in Detroit, to Frank and Lillian Geller (Dunlap), and she was one of nine siblings. The Geller family eventually moved to Holly, and as a young adult Marie moved to Fenton and lived there and in Grand Blanc most of her adult life. In her younger years, Marie owned a restaurant in Fenton (Marie's Café) near the old Fenton firehouse downtown, and after selling the restaurant, she worked outside the home part-time as a waitress for a few years while she raised her family. She loved playing cards, and as a very young woman started a "card club" playing pinochle with seven close friends, and they continued that club and became lifelong, cherished friends for more than 60 years. She also enjoyed playing bridge, going to bingo, bowling, and played golf for many years. She will be missed by these ladies and several other very dear friends she had, some since girlhood. She was predeceased by both parents; seven of her siblings; her husband, Richard M. Doyon; and son-in-law, John Zlatec, Jr. She is survived by four children, Kathy Smith (Palmer), Penny Zlatec (Palmer), Kelley Lee (Moore) son-in-law, Mick Lee, and Matthew Doyon; two grandchildren, Denise Smith-Ricketts of Davison and Don M. Smith of Fenton; and two great-granddaughters, Katelyn and Madison Ricketts of Davison. Marie did not wish to have a funeral, and her family is honoring that desire at this time. Sentiments for the family may be submitted through the website of Temrowski Family Funeral Home in Fenton, MI at [www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com).



**Leslie  
"Les" P. Bland**

1947-2017

Leslie "Les" P. Bland - age 70, of Fenton, died Sunday, June 18, 2017 at McLaren-Flint. Funeral services will be held 1 PM Friday, June 23, 2017 at The Freedom Center, 2473 W. Shiawassee Ave., with Pastor Jim Weigand officiating. Visitation will be held 1-4 and 6-9 PM Thursday, June 22, 2017 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Due to the sudden nature of his death, contributions may be made to April Ahmad and Autumn Bland. Les was born May 13, 1947 in Greenville, IN, the son of Ernest and Iva Mae (Blake) Bland. Les grew up in Greenville, IN and graduated from New Albany High School in Indiana. He moved to the Fenton area in 1966. Les was the Director of Public Works for the City of Fenton retiring in 2011 after 41 years of service. He was extremely active in the Fenton Community. He was instrumental in getting the new Fenton Water Plant and D.P.W. garage built and was a past Councilman of the Fenton City Council. Most recently, Les was honored by the City of Fenton by having the D.P.W. building named after him. He was the past President of A.P.W.A., was named in the Top Ten D.P.W. Directors in the Nation, cofounder of the Michigan Public Service Institute, Past President of the Fenton Lions Club, several times, member of the Jaycees, active volunteer for the Fenton Freedom Festival fireworks and the Jinglefest. Les was a member of the Freedom Center and sang with the Worship Team. He also enjoyed golf and softball. Surviving are: four children, Daniel (Cinnamon) Bland of Arizona; April (Mian) Ahmad of Fenton, Autumn Bland of Flint and Andrew Bland of Fenton; four grandchildren, Payton, Noah, Alivia, and Adien; three siblings, James (Judy) Bland of Flint, Donald (Shirley) Bland of Flint and Dianna (Ed) Traster of Caro. He was preceded in death by: his parents; and four siblings, Virginia, Alberta, George, and Bonnie. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituary page of [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



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HOROSCOPES

For the week of June 19, 2017

ARIES  
Mar 21/Apr 20  
You may find yourself easily annoyed this week, Aries. Surround yourself with positive people so you're not pulled into the doldrums. You will snap out of this funk.

TAURUS  
Apr 21/May 21  
Taurus, when others call on you to police a situation, you might be stuck between doing the right thing and taking the side of a friend. Do your best to remain impartial.

GEMINI  
May 22/Jun 21  
The last few weeks have been good for you, Gemini. Others have had the chance to see what you are capable of accomplishing, and your confidence and ego are soaring as a result.

CANCER  
Jun 22/Jul 22  
Cancer, you may be called on to host family or friends and will have to arrange all of those details. Recognize your strengths and delegate what you can't handle.

LEO  
Jul 23/Aug 23  
Leo, if you have been hesitant about being in the spotlight, times are about to change. There are no more excuses this week. Dive head first into everything.

VIRGO  
Aug 24/Sept 22  
It's time to pull your head out of the clouds and get back to business, Virgo. The real world is beckoning, so get your mind straight and return to form.

LIBRA  
Sept 23/Oct 23  
Libra, when speaking with others, take a more serious tone than you are used to. You don't want to come off as if this is just a big joke. Something important is happening.

SCORPIO  
Oct 24/Nov 22  
Consider listening rather than gossiping about others, Scorpio. Sit back and enjoy the conversation as it unfolds around you. You might be surprised by what you hear.

SAGITTARIUS  
Nov 23/Dec 21  
People around you may seem extra passionate about their beliefs this week, Sagittarius. But you can still take things lightly if those same fires are not stoked in you

CAPRICORN  
Dec 22/Jan 20  
This week you may pick up some skills you never thought possible, Capricorn. It may be computer-related, or you may even begin to learn a foreign language.

AQUARIUS  
Jan 21/Feb 18  
Aquarius, you may finally arrive at a destination only to discover you really didn't want to go to this place after all. Sometimes, you learn through discovery.

PISCES  
Feb 19/Mar 20  
Pisces, get outside and enjoy the fresh air as much as possible. The great outdoors can provide a welcome respite from the daily grind.

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EVERYBODY LOVES SOMEBODY  
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Comedy, Romance

LIFE  
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WEDNESDAY JUMBLE

JUMBLE

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I was working on a story I've had it with you!

WHAT THE BUSY REPORTER GOT FROM HIS GIRLFRIEND.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here: A " " " "

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