Many professional careers start with unusual jobs that teach work ethics, behavior

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Shelby Badal of Fenton had a job for 48 hours that has still taught her lessons years later.

Six years ago, she was a single mom who needed a job quickly to replace a job she had lost. She got a job at Lovers Lane in Flint, working with adult novelties and lingerie.

“I assumed it was just stocking items and ringing up purchases,” said Badal, 32. “But I was told to give hand massages and ‘try out’ novelties. The last straw was when ‘dancers’ were stealing undergarments. That was it, I quit.”

But her short foray into the world of adult entertainment taught her a few valuable lessons. “I learned to keep an open mind about jobs and to get more information about the duties you’re expected to perform before accepting a job,” she said.

Today, she runs the subsidized spay and neuter clinic at Adopt-A-Pet in Fenton. “I much prefer working with animals,” she said.

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“I had an interest in science but also a love of art, and it was a good way to combine the two,” said medical illustrator Lorie Gavulic. She designs ads for the Times during the day, and creates medical illustrations by night. Lately she’s been working on a cancer surgery book for the American College of Surgeons through a medical publisher. She has an Master of Fine Arts in Medical & Biological Illustration from The University of Michigan. She was first hired by the University of Michigan Medical Center but began freelancing after her children were born. To properly illustrate, she uses photographs or observes surgeries in real life. She had to dissect a cadaver as part of her training. “At first it was difficult, I passed out the first time I observed surgery, but I eventually got used to it.” She no longer draws with pencil and paper, but with a touch-sensitive tablet with stylus.

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BY VERA HOGAN
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What do your shoes say about you? The picture below screams “old European man tourist,” to some but hey, who are we to judge. White socks and sandals might be comfortable for all we know.

For just this one time, perhaps we should feel sorry for the rattler that gave up his life for these horrifying shoes. Maybe there’s a purse, or a belt to match.

We can’t even imagine where a woman would wear something like this; perhaps the operating room if she’s a doctor or nurse, or at a Hazmat scene. Maybe?

OK, here’s an idea. The young people who allow the waistbands of their jeans hang low around the bottom of their bottoms can rock this look. You have to admit, it’s a clever way to repurpose old jeans.

These are supposed to be “Lady Gaga” shoes. We have a hard time believing she would stick her feet into a bed of maggots, even if they’re not real. Then again, she’s the one who wore a meat dress.

These are happy little shoes, the Bob Ross of shoes, the ‘my mommy made these for me’ shoes. Dorothy should have worn these heels in the Wizard of Oz. Now they’re something to kill a witch over!

Talk about fishy looking. The long batting eyelashes and tiara are an especially nice touch. We’re kind of surprised though that there are no goldfish swimming around in the actual heel.

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Better safe than sorry

Last week, I took a phone call from a local woman whose story made my heart sink.

This lady, who has asked to remain anonymous, told me about an experience she had last Saturday, Aug. 19. She asked that I share it with the public so that people will be more aware.

“There’s a new brand of creeper out there,” she said. “They are bold and brazen.”

The woman said on that beautiful Saturday, she was on her way home from the Woodward Dream Cruise. When she arrived at Milford and White Lake roads, and passed the Highland Oaks County Park, she saw a young lady in her early to mid-20s walking on the wrong side of the road, with traffic. She was wearing exercise clothes and was sporting a big set of headphones.

“As I passed her, I thought how dangerous it was for her to be walking alone on the wrong side of the road,” the caller said. “I no sooner passed her when I looked in the rear view mirror and saw two men walking behind her.”

The caller said the bigger of the men looked to be about 50 and the smaller of the two about 40. She said they were picking up the pace, getting closer to the girl they appeared to be pursuing.

“Gut instinct took over and ‘a sick feeling washed over me,’” she said. “She turned around and went back. She pulled up, rolled down her window and said, ‘Do you realize there are two guys behind you, walking fast? They mean business.’”

The young woman’s car was parked in the Highland Oaks County Park parking lot. The only other vehicle in the lot belonged to the men pursuing her, a four-door gray Cadillac sedan.

The caller said the woman got in her car. She would not take her back to the parking lot. “They saw me, saw me pick her up. They got into their car and gunned it. They were heading toward Rose Township. We ended up calling 911.”

The caller said throughout the entire ordeal, the young woman did not seem too alarmed, even though she knew two men were following and gaining on her.

I contacted the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office and spoke with a deputy familiar with this situation. He said my caller did file a police report and assured me that they will exercise due diligence and take some steps to learn what they can.

The deputy did say he was confident, based on the information that he has, that there is no connection to the unsolved murder of Alley Brueger on Fish Lake Road last July 30, 2016. He said there is no reasonable concern that people would be afraid to walk from safely enjoying the parks and trails in Highland and Rose townships because one likely has nothing to do with the other.

The deputy said they, too, did not think the young lady was too concerned. “I think she thought the woman who picked her up may have been over-reacting,” he said.

In the meantime, the deputy did caution walkers and joggers using the parks and trails to be aware of their surroundings at all times and not go alone.

“I don’t think my caller was over-reacting, and I am glad she did what she did because like her, I do strongly believe in gut instinct and that it’s better to be safe than sorry.”

Opinions offered in Just Sayin’ are the author’s alone and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Tri-County Times or its staff.

Email the Vera at vhogan@tctimes.com.
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONFIRM SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLLS FOR ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP ROAD AND LIGHT DISTRICTS

TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS, RESIDENTS, AND PARTIES IN INTEREST OF LAND WITHIN ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Argentine Township has created special assessment districts to provide for maintenance for the roads not maintained by the county and lighting districts.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Supervisor has filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a proposed special assessment roll including all properties in the township, and proposes the following per parcel assessments:

- Kovacs Lights $50.00 per parcel for lights
- Hatt, Locke and Angel Drives $120.00 per parcel for road maintenance and lights
- Windwood Beach Drive $100.00 per parcel for road maintenance and light
- Longfellow Drive $240.00 per parcel for road maintenance
- Oakhill Drive $100 per improved parcel and $40 for vacant: road maintenance, lake access improvements
- Woodward Drive $150.00 per parcel for road maintenance
- Selma and Sharon Drives $150.00 per parcel for road maintenance
- Hartwood Drive $30.00 per parcel for road maintenance
- Bougher Drive $225.00 per parcel for road maintenance
- Hiawatha Drive $150.00 per parcel for road maintenance
- Ridge Drive $75.00 for parcels of North of Lake Drive, $35.00 for parcels South of Lake Drive for road maintenance
- Longfield Drive $140.00 per parcel for road maintenance
- Shiwawassee Drive $150.00 per parcel for road maintenance
- Pineview Lake Dr $10.00 per lot for mowing around sign and light
- Rustic Trail $10.00 per parcel for a light
- Knob Hill Lights $300.00 for a light and gate maintenance
- Woods Lights $50.00 per parcel for lights
- White Oaks Drive $40.00 per parcel per parcel for light
- Locust Grove $75.00 per parcel for road maintenance
- Shared Driveway (Duffield Rd) $150.00 per parcel for maintenance

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE: The Township Board will hold public hearings at the Argentine Township Hall, 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden, MI 48451 on Monday, September 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. to review and adopt the proposed assessments, and to hear any objections thereto.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE: That the appearance and protest of a property owner or party in interest or agent at the above-referenced public hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Such appearance and protest may be made in person at the hearing or by letter addressed to and received by the Township Clerk at 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden, MI 48451 prior to the close of said public hearing. Any appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal must be filed within 30 days after the date the roll is confirmed.

Brian Saad, Township Supervisor
Denise Graves, Township Clerk
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TOWNSHIP OF HOLLY
NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY
AMENDING CHAPTER 12 FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION, ARTICLE III
FIRE PREVENTION CODE

Notice is hereby given that on August 16, 2017 the Holly Township Board adopted amendments to the Holly Township Code of Ordinances Chapter 12 Fire Prevention and Protection, Article III Fire Prevention Code

A true and complete copy of Holly Township’s Code of Ordinances can be viewed online at www.hollytownship.org or can be inspected or obtained at the office of the Holly Township Clerk, 102 Civic Drive, Holly, Michigan, 48442, at all times said office is open for business.

THE FOLLOWING CONSTITUTES A SUMMARY OF HOLLY TOWNSHIP’S AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES:

SECTION 1 – AMENDMENTS


Sec. 12-72. - Adoption of additional fire protection standards by reference.


NFPA 1: Fire Code, 2015 Edition, including annexes, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, F are also adopted by reference in their entirety herein. (Gives details, illustrations and diagrams on how to do these improvements.)


Sec. 12-74. - References in code.

(b) Where reference is made in the Code to the “International Building Code,” it shall be held to mean the Michigan Building Code, 2015 Edition, or the latest such code adopted by the township.

(c) Where reference is made in the Code to the “International Mechanical Code,” it shall be held to mean the Michigan Mechanical Code, 2015 Edition, or the latest such code adopted by the township.

SECTION 2 - INVALIDITY

SECTION 3 - EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective 7 days after publication as prescribed by law.

SECTION 4 - REPEALING CLAUSE

SECTION 5 - ADOPTION

CERTIFICATION

I, duly elected clerk of the Township of Holly, County of Oakland, and State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Notice of Adoption and Summary of Holly Township Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 12, Article III, adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Township of Holly at the regular meeting held on the 16th day of August 2017 at which a quorum was present.

Karin S. Winchester, MMC
Holly Township Clerk

ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC HEARING – HAVILAND BEACH DRIVE

Please take notice that the Argentine Township Board will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on September 11, 2017 at the Township Hall, 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden, Michigan 48451 to review and confirm the proposed Special Assessment Roll for road resurfacing. The most recent estimate from Genesee County Road Commission is $ 513,286.00. The proposed Roll spreads the costs among the parcels in the District as follows; $ 302.00 per improved parcel, $ 151.00 per unimproved parcel annually. The assessment shall be placed on the Winter tax bill for nine years. Interested persons are invited to attend and may review the proposed Roll at the Township Hall. Those unable to attend may forward written comments to the Board prior to the start of the hearing. Please be advised you must protest in person at the hearing, or in writing before the hearing to file an appeal with the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Any appeal must be filed within 30 days after the Roll is confirmed.

Brian Saad, Township Supervisor
Denise Graves, Township Clerk
Argentine Township Clerk
Submitted by Denise Graves
Adjourned@ 8:17 p.m.
Accepted: Charter Communications Franchise Agreement.
Tabled: Building Inspector position.
Approved: Re-zoning property tax ID 01-35-525-202 from C1 to R2.
Approved: Chief Allen to test for the Sergeant position.
Adopted: Resolution 2017-19.
Approved: Budget amendment.
Approved: Payment of bills as presented.
Adopted: Resolution 2017-19.
Approved: Re-zoning property tax ID 01-35-525-202 from C1 to R2.
Tabled: Building Inspector position.
Adopted: Resolution 2017-20.
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Submitted by Denise Graves
Argentine Township Clerk

REQUEST FOR BIDS
CITY OF LINDEN
LINDEN MILLS BUILDING – CONCRETE RAMP, STAIRS, AND SIDEWALK

The City of Linden will receive sealed bids at the City Clerk’s Office, 132 E. Broad St., PO. Box 507, Linden, MI 48451, for concrete removal and replacement at the Linden Mills Building on Monday, September 18, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at that time in the main office of the Linden City Hall, 132 E. Broad St., Linden, Michigan.

Bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes and plainly marked “LINDEN MILLS BUILDING – CONCRETE RAMP, STAIRS, AND SIDEWALK”.

Proposal forms and specifications are on file for the inspection of bidders at the Linden City Offices, 132 E. Broad St., Linden, Michigan and copies may be obtained by qualified bidders. Sealed proposals must be submitted on the bid forms furnished by the City.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept any bid which, in their opinion, is most advantageous to the City.

REQUEST FOR BIDS
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FAIRVIEW CEMETERY TREE PLANTING

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(1) The Township Board of Tyrone Township, Livingston County, Michigan (the “Township”) in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan, will conduct a public hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m., local time, on September 5, 2017 at the Tyrone Township Hall, 10408 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan, to review the following proposed special assessment district:

TYRONE TOWNSHIP SILVER LAKE ESTATES
WASTE REMOVAL PROJ ECT (2017)
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

and to hear any objections thereto and the proposed project.

(2) The project (the “Project”) will consist of establishing a single waste hauler for the Silver Lake Estates in Tyrone Township. The Project is designed to serve the properties in the Special Assessment District (the “District”), which District consists of the properties located within the area designated on the map attached at Appendix I and includes the specific properties that are identified by the permanent lot and parcel numbers described in Appendix II.

(3) The Township plans to impose special assessments on the properties located in the Special Assessment District to pay for the costs of the Project.

(4) The plans and cost estimates for the proposed Project and the description of the District are now on file in the office of the Township Clerk for public inspection. Periodic redeterminations of the cost of the Project may be made, and subsequent hearings shall not be required if such cost redeterminations do not increase the estimated cost of the Project by more than 10%. Any person objecting to the proposed Project or the proposed District must file his or her objections in writing with the Township Clerk before the close of the September 5, 2017 public hearing or within such additional time (if any) as the Township Board may grant.

This notice is given by order of the Tyrone Township Board.

Dated: August 15, 2017
Marcella Husted
Tyrone Township Clerk

APPENDIX I
Map of Special Assessment District

APPENDIX II
Special Assessment District
Permanent Parcel Numbers

4704-05-203-029
4704-05-203-030
4704-05-203-041
4704-05-203-092
4704-05-203-093
4704-05-203-094
4704-05-203-095
4704-05-203-096
4704-05-203-097
4704-05-203-114
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4704-05-203-121
4704-05-203-122
4704-05-203-123
4704-05-203-124
4704-05-202-026
4704-05-202-008
Merrell Harris

Glenn Stanley
Glenn Stanley - age 83, died August 26, 2017.

Iris Simmons
Iris Simmons - age 90, died August 27, 2017.

James Wilson

Rick Gifford

Janice Barney

Lucia Pirotta
Lucia Pirotta - age 64, died August 27, 2017.

Richard Gage
Richard Gage - age 65, died August 28, 2017.

Sally Ann Parish

Janice Maciel
Janice Maciel - age 73, died August 24, 2017.

June Thomas
June Thomas - age 71, died August 28, 2017.

James Bailey

David A. Carsten

Ashley Rich
Ashley Rich - age 26, died August 27, 2017.

Mary Ann Loveless
Mary Ann Loveless - age 83, died August 27, 2017.

Gary Cornack

Jimmie Mills
Jimmie Mills - age 63, died August 30, 2017.

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Richard Pagan

Susan M. Maciag

Jimke Pagan

Mary Ann Loveless

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Managing road trips with pets in tow

Family vacations may not be complete without the family pets joining in the fun. But it’s important for pet owners to plan ahead when taking their furry friends on vacation.

Family vacations provide opportunities for parents and their children to unwind and make memories that last a lifetime. Such excursions can be made even more memorable when taking the family pet.

Traveling with animals in tow is not as simple as beckoning the family pet to the car when it’s time to hit the open road. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals notes that travel can be stressful for both pet owners and their pets. To help ease that stress and ensure all members of the family, including the family pet, are calm and comfortable during travel, the ASPCA offers the following tips.

• Prepare your pet. In the weeks before the trip, pet owners should start to prepare their pets for the trip by taking them on short drives. Lengthen each of these mini trips so you can build up a travel tolerance in your pet and acquaint the animal with car travel before vacation begins.

• Purchase appropriate travel gear. Some pet owners cannot imagine making long road trips with their pets in crates. But crating pets during road trips is entirely possible without making pets uncomfortable. The ASPCA advises purchasing crates that are large enough to allow pets to stand, sit, lie down and turn around. It’s also important to secure the crate so it does not slide around in case of sudden stops or when driving on curvy roads. Pet owners who don’t want to put their pets in crates should keep pets harnessed in the back seat at all times, never letting the animal hang its head out the window while the car is in motion.

• Pack some travel items. Human beings tend to bring snacks and beverages along on road trips, and such items are necessary for pets, too. Pack water, food and some snacks for pets, but never feed them in a moving car. Take some time to feed pets at rest stops. The ASPCA advises feeding pets a light meal three to four hours before beginning the trip and serving pets only bottled water to reduce the risk of stomach problems. In addition to food and water, pack some toys to keep pets occupied during the trip. Such toys can also calm animals’ anxiety by providing them with something familiar.

• Do not leave pets alone in the car. Leaving pets alone in a car is unsafe no matter what the temperature is outside. Pets are not safe left alone in a car during winter. When planning your road trip, confirm that any hotels you plan to stay in accept pets.

• Check and update your pet’s collar. Even if pets are microchipped, it’s important to make sure they wear collars imprinted with their owners’ names, phone numbers, email addresses and any additional relevant contact information. Make sure the number listed on pets’ collars are the numbers where you can be reached while on vacation and not just landline home phone numbers.

• Ensure all members of the family, including the family pet, learns that her weak heart is beginning to fail and action must be taken; and two teams of doctors and medical experts who struggle through their day-to-day attempts to save lives. Ultimately, it is an impassioned story of personal connections that philosophically, spiritually and literally plumbs the depths of the human heart.

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Guess Who?

I am a country singer born in Georgia on February 28, 1977. I learned how to play the guitar from my father while in high school. I was named ACM Male Vocalist of the Year in 2015.

I am an actress born in Louisiana on March 22, 1976. As a child I appeared in TV commercials. I gained fame for the portrayal of a sassy and dimwitted character. I’ve had many diverse roles, including one that earned me an Academy Award.

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Word Search

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally and diagonally throughout the puzzle.


FRUIT-FILLED

ACHENE, ACHEE, APPLE, APRICOT, AVOCADO, BANANA, BLACKBERRY, BLUEBERRY, BREDFRUIT, CANISTEL, CANTALOUPE, CHERRY, CITRON, DATE, DRUPE, ELDERBERRY, FELUCA, FIG, FLESHY, GOOSEBERRY, GRAPE, GUAVA, HUCKLEBERRY, JACKFRUIT, JAMBUL, JUJUBE, KIWI, LEMON, LIME, LYCHEE, MANGO, MELON, MULBERRY, OLIVE, ORANGE, PEACH, PEAR, RAMBUTAN

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