Changing times reflect changing church populations; local churches remain strong

By Tim Jagielo

Today, St. John’s Catholic Church in Fenton is certainly flourishing. It maintains a healthy roster of families and students alike at its own Catholic school.

Meanwhile, a similarly sized Catholic Church in Centerline, St. Clements, had to combine with another church to form St. Mary, Our Lady Queen of Families Parish in 2012. Its own Catholic school ran for 154 years but closed its doors in 2011, according to a March 2011 Macomb Daily story.

As managing editor for the Michigan Catholic, Mike Stechschulte has studied the phenomena of changing church congregation sizes. “It’s no secret that churches as a whole are shrinking,” he said.

He said there may be less attendance in a Sunday Mass, on average, depending on the church. He attributes this to demographic shifts. Certain metro-Detroit cities like Centerline may experience population shrinking, while Fenton’s population is growing.

According to a November 2015 Pew Research Center study, Americans are less religious in some key ways — there is a slight decline in Americans who believe in God, pray daily and go to church regularly. This is mostly attributed to the Millennial generation being less religious.

Overall, younger Americans are less religious than older Americans, which does not help drive church attendance. Still, according to Pew, Americans are still very religious when compared to other industrialized nations.

There are dozens of churches in Fenton, Linden and Holly. There is enough patronage that a church like St. Jude’s Episcopal Church can sit right across the street from the First Presbyterian Church, which broke ground on a $1.6-million addition in 2011.

St. Jude’s modest physical size matches its modest congregation size, but Rev. Tracy Little said her church has been stable. The Rock Church and The Freedom Center enjoy robust membership in the thousands.

There are a variety of churches in the area that can either cater to the younger

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Why do some churches flourish and others don’t?
Humility is back — for now

Tomorrow marks the 16th anniversary of one of the most devastating days in history, Sept. 11, 2001, the day America was attacked on its own soil by terrorists. At the end of the day, nearly 3,000 people were killed.

But some good came from that day. People were suddenly much nicer and more courteous to each other. Road rage ended. Church attendance soared. Patriotism was at an all-time high and for weeks, you could hear “Proud to be an American’’ by Lee Greenwood played repeatedly on the radio.

But something did change. The practice of “texting and driving” has been added to the list of reasons to be ticked off. I haven’t heard Lee Greenwood’s song in at least 10 years. We even fight over who can share our bathrooms. And worst of all, police now have to wear body cameras to provide evidence of their actions. There have always been a few bad apples in law enforcement, but because of the actions of a few that have been widely televised, all cops are suspect.

It’s pitiful, right?

Well not to worry, like any mother whose unruly children are out of control and fighting each other, Mother Nature swooped in two weeks ago and yelled, “KNOCK IT OFF!”

When Hurricane Harvey slammed into Houston, Texas on Friday, Aug. 25, no one could have imagined the catastrophic results. This storm, with its record rainfall amounts, resulted in death and destruction.

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But, like it was after 9/11, and after Hurricane Katrina in 2005, the issues and things the people in this country were fighting about before Harvey suddenly don’t seem all that important. The lives of the people in Texas took center stage on the news. Americans again showed their patriotism and caring for their fellow man.

Volunteerism has soared. Donations are once again pouring in to help those in need.

Mother Nature kicked us in the butts again, and if anything good comes of it at the end of the day — it’s that compassion has returned to our hearts — at least for now.

Still, Michigan churches are affected by population shift, and maybe more importantly, less social expectation to go to church. “If you’re going to be a church-going person, I think it requires a lot more intentionality than it did in the past,” said Stechschulte.

Rev. Little echoed a similar sentiment. Both said that there are more responsibilities and distractions than in the past. Whereas church on Sunday was something everyone “just did,” today such a social requirement doesn’t exist.

Stechschulte said he’s seen young adults drift away from their church, only to return when they have families of their own, because they’d like their children to follow the church path they did.

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The war on terror took more than nine years, but the United States on May 2, 2011, found and killed Osama bin Laden, the al-Qaeda leader who bankrolled the 9/11 attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people and injured thousands more.

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Meet

FATHER TODD KOENIGSKNECHT

• New associate pastor at St. John’s Catholic Church, Fenton
• A twin
• Fourth of 10 children

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Father Todd Koenigsknecht, age 29, began his duties July 1 as the new associate pastor at St. John’s in Fenton. He grew up in Fowler on his parents’ organic dairy farm, the fourth of 10 children, and entered seminary right after high school. His first four years were at St. John Vianney College Seminary, the fourth of God’s grace in helping me to grow, and I believe my first three years as a priest at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Ann Arbor.

Fr. Todd Koenigsknecht, 29, recently began his assignment as associate pastor at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton. He will be in Fenton for approximately three years until his next assignment.

When did you know you wanted to be a priest?
I first started thinking about it when I was in seventh or eighth grade at my hometown’s Catholic Grade School. Going through seminary and being ordained has been an incredible experience of God’s grace in helping me to grow, to learn to recognize His voice, and give me the confidence to serve His people. Any vocation asks you take a leap of faith — the priesthood has been a great experience of the joy that comes from giving your life to God.
What are your hopes and dreams for your new position at St. John’s?
My greatest hope and desire is just to be a good and holy priest who can help people to encounter Jesus. The priesthood brings you into people’s lives at the most joyful and most sorrowful times. In those moments, I want to be a good minister of God’s love, healing, and grace.

What are you most looking forward to about Applefest?
Meeting the people. This will be my first Applefest. Everyone says you have to just experience it — I am looking forward to that.
What’s your favorite kind of apple and apple dessert?
My favorite is Idared. When it comes to desserts, I’m torn between pie and crisp. Both are excellent.

Do you have any hobbies?
I enjoy running, fishing, reading, playing cards, watching movies, just hanging out, and spending time at my family’s farm.

About your last name — it’s pretty long. Do you have a nickname?
Koenigsknecht is German, if you couldn’t tell. It means servant of the king. In Fowler, it is abbreviated to K-13 since it has 13 letters. Most people here call me Father Todd.

What is something most people likely don’t know about you?
I have an identical twin brother, Fr. Gary Koenigsknecht, who is also a priest. He spent his first three years as a priest just up the road at Holy Family in Grand Blanc. There have already been many times in my two months in Fenton when I meet someone who thinks I am him.

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The Fenton Fire Department will be remembering the Sept. 11, 2001 anniversary in the following manner:

At 9:58 a.m. — All available personnel will assemble in a single file line behind the memorial stones and will line up at attention.

At 9:59 a.m. — At the time of the first tower collapse, a truck siren will be sounded for approximately 15 seconds.

10 a.m. — One minute of silence will be observed. At 10:01 a.m. — All personnel will be dismissed from ceremony.

8 p.m. — The trucks will be parked back in the station and the wreaths will be brought in.

A black fire helmet will be placed on the bottom of the tri-pod below the wreath. The other wreath will be placed at the memorial on the south side of the station.

Michigan Votes
LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, Sept. 1.

Senate Bill 505: Ban coal-tar driveway sealants
Introduced by Sen. Rebekah Warren (D), to ban the sale or use of coal tar sealant or other high PAH sealant for pavement. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

Senate Bill 496: Criminalize endangering an animal by leaving it in a vehicle
Introduced by Sen. Curtis Hertel, Jr. (D), to make it a crime to leave an animal in a vehicle in conditions that could cause harm (too hot, too cold, etc.). The bill authorizes penalties starting at 45 days in jail if no harm ensues, and up to five years in prison if the animal dies. Republican Sen. Rick Jones sponsored a companion bill with sentencing guidelines. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4723: Give immigrants in-state college tuition rates
Introduced by Rep. Yousef Rashidi (D), to charge in-state tuition at state universities and colleges to most resident aliens, including individuals who entered the country illegally as a child and have been granted a deferred from prosecution. This is part of a broader Democratic immigration package. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4724: Restrict 'stop and frisk' to 'reasonable suspicion'
Introduced by Rep. Ronnie Peterson (D), to prohibit law enforcement agencies from adopting "stop and frisk" policies. This would only be allowed if an investigating officer has reasonable suspicion to believe the person is, will or has been engaging in criminal activity, or the officer has reasonable suspicion to believe that the person is armed and dangerous. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4728: Provide free counsel to deportation targets
Introduced by Rep. Erika Geiss (D), to require the state to provide legal services to an illegal immigrant who is subject to a federal immigration removal hearing, and does not qualify under the state law that requires counsel be appointed at no cost to indigent individuals being prosecuted for a crime. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4731: Mandate target of 5 percent of state contracts go to immigrants
Introduced by Rep. Jim Ellison (D), to require state procurement officials to ensure that businesses owned by immigrants get at least 5 percent of spending on state contracts. If this does not happen because such firms don't submit bids, the governor would have report on actions taken to get more immigrant bidders. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4736: Increase minimum age for tobacco
Introduced by Rep. Tommy Brann (R), to increase from 18 to 21 the minimum age to sell, buy or use tobacco. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4743: Permit and regulate fantasy sports game betting
Introduced by Rep. Aaron Miller (R), to establish a permissive licensure and regulatory regime on fantasy sports games and contests that offer money prizes, with an initial license fee of up to $5,000 for would-be vendors. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4744: Establish anti-discrimination policy for state employees
Introduced by Rep. Aaron Miller (R), to establish a non-discrimination policy for state employees, and amend the Michigan Civil Rights Act to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4745: Establish Anti-Discrimination Policy for State Employees
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It’s ‘Applefest Weekend’ in Fenton

▶ 45th annual event kicks off Thursday, Sept. 14, runs through Sunday at St. John’s

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Tents are being delivered, crisp, fall apples are being peeled and carnival rides are being set up on the grounds of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton.

This week, the school and parish grounds will be transformed into the 45th annual Applefest, which kicks off Thursday, Sept. 14 at 3 p.m. through Sunday, Sept. 17.

“The last apple pie will come out of the oven Wednesday night,” said Sara McDermott, who has co-chaired Applefest with her husband, Dave, for the past six years. This signals the end of the baking but the beginning of all the fun of Applefest weekend.

The Midway, provided by Skerbeck Entertainment Group in Escanaba, is the focal point of fun for kids and teens, operating Thursday from 3 to 10 p.m., Friday from 3 to 11 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday from 12 to 6 p.m.

The Midway also includes traditional festival activities like the Cake Walk, Attic Treasures and more, plus lots of carnival food favorites from Elephant Ears to the Happy Apple Tent, where about 2,600 handmade apple pies will be sold. In addition to pies, booths will also be selling apple dumplings, apple crisp, apple cider and more. After all, it’s Applefest!

Speaking of apples, one of the most popular events is the Apple Pie Contest and Auction, beginning Sunday at 2 p.m.

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No matter how much work it is, by Sunday evening we say, ‘Of course, I’ll do it again next year!’

Sara McDermott
Applefest co-chair with husband, Dave

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- 1, 8-ounce container tomato paste
- 5-7 quarts fresh stewed tomatoes
- 1 No. 10 can pinto beans (equals six 15 oz. cans)
- 1½ cans No. 10 chili beans (equals nine 15 oz. cans)
- A scant 8 ounces of chili powder (mixture of hot and medium)
- 5-6 bay leaves (removed before serving)

PREPARATION:
Brown the meat first and drain the juices. Mix all other ingredients together and add to meat mixture. Cook for three hours.

Here’s the famous recipe . . .

‘I’m turning over the reins and the recipe’

‘The Padre’s chili’ made by Fr. David Harvey since 1979 will soon have a new cook

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There’s a new man in the kitchen at St. John’s Activity Center, learning from the master himself how to prepare “the Padre’s chili,” served every year at Applefest since 1979.

“I’m turning over the reins and the recipe,” said Fr. David Harvey, who has come back every year to make the chili at Applefest, even after retiring from St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton in 2013.

He and new apprentice chili maker John Starrs were stirring up 19 bushels of boiling tomatoes together on Tuesday, along with many other volunteers.

“We had a wonderful crowd today,” said Fr. David Harvey, referring to his volunteers. “It’s the fastest we’ve ever done it. We’ll be making 165 gallons of chili again this year.”

Whether it’s Harvey’s last year to make the chili or not, Harvey is making definite plans for his chili legacy to continue at Applefest for generations to come.
How did Applefest get its start?

Today’s event is an offshoot of St. John’s Barbecue from the 1940s and ‘50s

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Applefest is in its 45th year, but did you ever wonder how it got started in the first place? According to a Tri-County Times article written by Jan Rynearson in 2010, Applefest as we know it today evolved from an annual event held every late August in the 1940s and ‘50s, called St. John’s Barbecue. At that time, Rev. Fr. Dennis Patrick Tighe, an Irish priest, was pastor.

Sides of beef were barbecued outside over an open pit. Games, bingo, a bake sale, roast beef dinners and car raffles were all part of the fun.

Looking for an annual fundraiser, members of the parish commission wanted to revive the tradition of the barbecue. They visited parish events at Catholic churches in the area, and came up with the idea of holding the St. John Festival, back in 1972. Rev. Fr. John Hayes was pastor at the time and Rev. Fr. Tom McCloskey was associate pastor.

Maurie Constantini, Jack Kean and Stephany Podolan chaired the first event, according to the Times. Ethnic foods were highlighted, including German, Hungarian, Irish, Czech, Polish and Russian. As participation in the festival grew, the cooks weren’t able to keep up with the demand, so specific dinners and a food court with a variety of items served got their start.

Because of the abundance of apples and orchards in the Fenton area, apples became a “core” part of the festival, hence the name, Applefest.

Shortly after Rev. Fr. David Harvey arrived at St. John’s in 1979, he started making “Padre’s chili.” That has become standard Applefest fare and continues on to this day.

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The funds raised by Applefest go back into the Fenton community through parish activities, including support for the St. John Outreach Program, St. John School and other parish ministries.

“Without Applefest, a large hole would exist in our ability to meet the needs of area families,” according to the St. John/Applefest website.
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The Core Team meets every year in February to get the event for the coming September in active motion. Then in May, all the chairs and co-chairs meet. “In July, we do the (Freedom Festival) parade and that’s when the excitement and camaraderie begin,” Sara said.

At the end of August, the Core Team and all the chairs and co-chairs meet. “It’s the most chaotic of meetings,” Sara said. “Between that meeting and the festival, it’s the ‘pedal to the metal.’”

The actual committees and chairpersons are only part of the story, however. From the afghan raffle to the car raffle, each individual volunteer has an integral part in Applefest in every way.

Many volunteers come from the church and school families at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, which includes more than 3,000 families, plus service organizations, parishioners who bake pies, cakes, handle parking, etc.

“Year after year, I still learn there are more jobs that I haven’t known about,” Sara said.

Many of the jobs are behind-the-scenes. “One unsung hero is Pat Lockwood,” Sara said. “She works all year ‘round handling finances and the licensing through the state for all our raffles, Bingo, Nite in Reno, etc.”

Another tireless volunteer is Paul Dorland, who works for about five months in the areas of vendors, purchasing and distribution. “He does a ton of work,” Sara said. “It’s an all-year job.”

The transition of jobs on the Core Team requires the right timing and mentoring.

“This will be our last year in our general chair role,” she said. “We’ll probably chair a particular event next year. We won’t just leave our role; we have people shadow and mentor each other so it’s a smooth transition.”

For the McDermotts and other Applefest volunteers, the enjoyment they get out of volunteering for the festival means more than the amount of work they’ve had to do.

“We’ve been willing and able to do it, and we enjoy it,” Sara said. “For me, it’s all about seeing everyone come together.”

APPLEFEST

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The Midway with its rides, food and carnival atmosphere, is the focal point of festival fun, especially for kids and teens.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF A REGULAR PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2017 AT 7:00 PM BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIPS OF FENTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AT 12060 MANTAWAUCA. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

ZBA17-037 Fred & Tracy Hensler, 14007 Swanee Bch, Fenton:
Requesting a 20 ft. front yard setback variance to build an addition, parcel 06-23-530-001.

ZBA17-037 Weil Building Co. 11321 Honeysuckle, Fenton:
Requesting an additional 4 ft. sight line variance for a set of stairs from an upper level deck at 12082 Mantawauka, parcel 06-11-530-024.

ZBA17-037 Mike Chandler, 4083 Minnetonka, Linden:
Requesting a 12 ft. sight line variance to replace the existing deck with a 4 ft. larger deck, parcel 06-16-526-010.

ZBA17-039 Robert McCombs, 7535 Stoneyvalley Bluff, Clarkson:
Requesting an additional 5 ft. 6 in. sight line variance to the previously approved 4 ft. sight line variance for a total of 9 ft. 6 in. sight line variance for the covered porch and an additional 2.2 ft. sight line variance for a portion of the house. Also requesting an additional 6 in. front yard setback variance to the previously approved 13 ft. for a total of 13 ft. 6 in. front yard variance for the garage. These variances are being requested by the applicant to allow them to continue to build a new house and garage in the footprint that has been poured at 13151 Lakeshore, parcel 06-14-501-033.

This notice is published in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a (2) (3) and the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

Fenton Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials considered by the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing upon 14 days notice to Fenton Township. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Fenton Township by writing or calling the following: Robert Krug, Fenton Township Clerk, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430, (810) 629-1537. Ordinances, meeting schedules and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

ROBERT KRUG,
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK
OPEN THIS SUNDAY! Sept. 10th

5227 Wyndham Place • Fenton
Fenton Township • Linden Schools
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Fenton Township • Fenton Schools
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Enjoy your evenings on a huge deck. House also offers a walk-out with an abundant backyard. Property is fenced for your privacy! Close to downtown Fenton, $249,000. Call 248-464-2915.

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Fenton
2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, 1100 sq ft with attached garage. Now available! $124,900

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17460 SILVER PARKWAY • FENTON (Behind Lucky’s Steakhouse)
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Call Ken Brant 810.853.8440
And Shannon Brant 810.853.8440

Curran & Christie
Resident of Lobdell Lake

Grandeza PLAN 10-136

This home is almost as naturally bright inside as out. At center is a high-ceilinged, hexagonal great room in which worked windows fill most of three rear walls. The patio that wraps across the entire back has four access points, so it’s easy to move out of doors when sunny weather beckons. When the weather turns chilly, the warmth of the pellet stove will be welcome.

Dimensions 77’1” x 86’2”
Garage 686 sq.ft.
Living Area 2979 sq.ft.
Second Floor 604 sq.ft.
First Floor 2375 sq.ft.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON
GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Notice of Public Hearing on the 2017 Special Assessment Roll for the Fenton Township Fire Protection Special Assessment District

To the residents and property owners of Fenton Township, Genesee County, Michigan, the owners of land within the Fenton Township Fire Protection Special Assessment District and any other interested persons:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that that supervisor and assessing officer of the township has reported to the township board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a special assessment roll prepared by her covering all properties within the Fenton Township Fire Protection Special Assessment District. Said assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of raising money by special assessment for furnishing fire protection, emergency and medical services, purchasing and housing equipment, and for the operation of same within the aforesaid assessment district, which assessment for 2017 is in the total approximate amount of $537,940.00.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the assessing officer has further reported that the assessment against each parcel of land within said district is such relative portion of the whole sum levied against all parcels of land in said district as the benefit to such parcels bears to the total benefit to all parcels of land in said district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the township board will meet at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan on Monday September 18, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto. Said roll may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours of regular business days until the time of said hearing and may further be examined at said hearing. Appearance and protest at the hearing held to confirm the special assessment roll is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner, or party in interest, or his or her agent may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. Written protests should be submitted in advance of the public hearing if possible. [The owner or any person having an interest in the real property who protests in person or in writing at the hearing may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the state tax tribunal within 35 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll.]

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the township board of the Charter Township of Fenton shall, at the second regular township board meeting held in the month of September for each year, make a redetermination of the amount of the fire protection special assessment levy for the ensuing year without further notice, (except for compliance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act).

ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK
12060 MANTAWAUKA DRIVE
FENTON, MI 48430-8817
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

1. The Township Board of Tyrone Township, Livingston County, Michigan (the “Township”) in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan, has determined to levy special assessments against lands in the TYRONE TOWNSHIP SILVER LAKE ESTATES WASTE REMOVAL PROJECT (2017) SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (the “District”) that will be benefited by the establishment of a single waste hauler to collect and dispose of garbage and rubbish in the Township. The District consists of the properties identified on the map below and is more specifically identified by the following property identification numbers:

- 4704-05-203-027
- 4704-05-203-058
- 4704-05-203-060
- 4704-05-203-111
- 4704-05-203-112
- 4704-05-203-099
- 4704-05-203-098
- 4704-05-203-096
- 4704-05-203-095
- 4704-05-203-092
- 4704-05-203-041
- 4704-05-203-030
- 4704-05-203-076
- 4704-05-203-073
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- 4704-05-203-032
- 4704-05-203-031
- 4704-05-203-030
- 4704-05-203-029

2. The proposed special assessment roll for the District (the “Roll”) has been prepared and is now on file in the office of the Township Clerk and is available at such office for public examination during the hours the Township Office is regularly open to the public for business.

3. The Township Board will conduct a public hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m., local time, on September 19, 2017, at the Tyrone Township Offices, 10408 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan, to explain and answer questions pertaining to the Roll and to hear objections to the Roll. Any person objecting to the Roll must file his or her objections before the close of the public hearing or within such additional time (if any) as the Township Board may grant.

4. The owner or other person having an interest in property that is specially assessed is entitled to file a written appeal with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 30 days after confirmation of the Roll. However, appearance and protest at the public hearing are required by law in order to appeal the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner or other party in interest or his or her agent may (i) appear in person at the hearing to protest the assessment or (ii) file an appearance and protest by letter before the close of the hearing. The Township Board will maintain a record of the persons who appear and protest at the hearing. If the hearing is terminated or adjourned for the day before a party is provided the opportunity to be heard, a party whose appearance was so recorded shall be considered to have protested the special assessment in person.

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

Dated: September 5, 2017

Marcella Hustad
Tyrone Township Clerk

Map of Special Assessment District

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REQUEST FOR BIDS
CITY OF LINDEN
LINDEN MILLS BUILDING – STAIRWAY REPLACEMENT

The City of Linden will receive sealed bids at the City Clerk’s Office, 132 E. Broad St., P.O. Box 507, Linden, MI 48451, for the removal and replacement of the stairway at the Linden Mills Building on Monday, September 25, 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 – STAIRWAY REPLACEMENT”.

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 its opinion, is most advantageous to the City.

CITY OF FENTON, GENESEE COUNTY
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF PROPOSED CITY OF FENTON CHARTER AMENDMENT AND BALLOT LANGUAGE

The City of Fenton City Council proposes an amendment to the City of Fenton City Charter, Chapter XI, Section 11.1. The full text of current Chapter XI, Section 11.1 – Power to tax; tax levy, limitation, reads as follows:

“The city shall have the power to assess taxes and to lay and collect taxes, rents, tolls, and excises, excepting a flat rate by a majority vote of the electors of the city voting on the proposition. The levy of taxes for municipal purposes in any year shall not exceed one and three tenths per cent (13 mills) of the assessed value of all real and personal property in the city, unless the proposition to approve and increase above the tax rate so limited is first approved by a majority vote of the electors of the city voting on the proposition. No such increase shall be for a period of more than three years. Nor shall it or any combination of such increases cause the total tax rate in any one year for municipal purposes to exceed two per cent (20 mills) of the assessed value of all real and personal property in the city.”

The City of Fenton City Council approved a proposed amendment to current Chapter XI, Section 11.1 of the City Charter pursuant to Resolution No. 2017-13 because the City is currently limited to levying general ad valorem taxes for periods of no more than three (3) years. The full text of the proposed amendment reads as follows:

“The city shall have the power to assess taxes and to lay and collect taxes, rents, tolls, and excises, excepting a flat rate by a majority vote of the electors of the city voting on the proposition. The levy of taxes for municipal purposes in any year shall not exceed one and three tenths per cent (13 mills) of the assessed value of all real and personal property in the city, unless the proposition to approve and increase above the tax rate so limited is first approved by a majority vote of the electors of the city voting on the proposition. No such increase shall be for a period of more than 10 years. Nor shall it or any combination of such increases cause the total tax rate in any one year for municipal purposes to exceed two per cent (20 mills) of the assessed value of all real and personal property in the city.”

The proposed amendment shall constitute a single ballot question, which will appear on the November 7, 2017 General Election Ballot for the City of Fenton as follows:

“CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL NO. 1

The Fenton City Charter, §11.1 allows the City to levy taxes imposed upon real and tangible personal property in excess of 13 mills for periods not to exceed 3 years, if approved by the voters. The City of Fenton desires to change its City Charter to allow any voter approved increase in taxes in excess of 13 mills to be for a period not to exceed 10 years.

Shall the amendment as proposed be adopted?

Yes _____ No _____

Renee Wilson
City of Fenton Clerk
(810) 629-2261
TOWNSHIP OF HOLLY
LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN
1951 PA 33 PROCEEDINGS

NOTICE OF ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ESTIMATED COSTS AND EXPENSES FOR POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION, TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT TO BE ASSESSED IN THE DISTRICT FOR POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE LEVY FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. X0082

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR FIRE PROTECTION (2018-2019)

TO ALL OWNERS OR PARTIES IN INTEREST OF ANY LANDS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF TYRONE:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of Act 33, Public Acts of Michigan, 1951, as amended, the voters of the Township of Tyrone approved a ballot proposition to provide police and fire protection to all the lands and premises within the Township of Tyrone and to defray the cost by creating a special assessment district comprised of all the lands and premises within the Township of Tyrone.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Tyrone Township has estimated the costs and expenses for police and fire protection for fiscal year 2018/2019 to be $617,814.00.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the assessing officer has further reported that the assessment against each parcel of land within the district is to such relative portion of the whole sum levied against all parcels of land within the district as the benefit of such parcel bears to the total benefit to all parcels within the district. For each qualifying parcel containing a structure, the cost will be $150.00 and for each qualifying parcel which is vacant, the cost will be $75.00 and for each qualifying commercial parcel the cost will be $250.00.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, the 19th day of September, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall, 10408 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan 48430, telephone number 810-629-8631 to hear objections which may be offered against the estimated cost for police and fire protection and on the distribution of the levy for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2018. Subsequent public hearings will be held on the third Tuesday of September to determine the levy for following years.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at this hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal if an appeal should be desired. A property owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment or may file his or her appearance by letter delivered to the Clerk of Tyrone Township before the date of the public hearing and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. The property owner or any persons having an interest in the property that has appeared and protested or has delivered objections to the Clerk of Tyrone Township as provided in this notice may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the State Tax Tribunal as provided in law.

Marcella Husted
Tyrone Township Clerk
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
CITY OF FENTON
GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
DIMENSIONAL VARIANCE REQUESTS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Fenton Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 for the purpose of considering the variance request below for Niles Real Estate LLC located at 201 S. Alloy Drive, Tax ID #53-34-526-09. The property is located on the east side of S. Alloy Drive at the intersection of Copper Avenue, and is zoned IND, Industrial District, where industrial uses permitted use.

1. A variance from Section 36-15.0(L), Table 15.1, Schedule Limiting Height, Bulk, Density and Area by Zoning District, of the zoning ordinance to allow a setback encroachment of nearly 30 feet from the west property line when a fifty (50) foot setback is required.

The public hearing will be held in the City Hall Conference Room, 301 South Leroy Street. The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss the proposed variance requests and receive public comment on the proposal. All interested parties are welcome to attend and present their comments.

Copies of the variance requests are available for public inspection at the City of Fenton Zoning Office, 301 South Leroy Street, during regular business hours. All comments concerning the project may be submitted at the above address prior to the hearing and will be made part of the official record. All minutes of meetings are available at the City Clerk’s office or on the City of Fenton website.

Comments and questions may be directed to the City of Fenton Zoning and Building Administrator, Michael Reilly, at 810-629-2281.

PLEASE CONTACT THE FENTON CITY CLERK’S OFFICE IF ANY ACCOMMODATIONS ARE NEEDED DUE TO A DISABILITY.
PUBLIC NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON
BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS
SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Tuesday September 5, 2017 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

1. Trustee Goupil offered the opening prayer.
2. Clerk Krug led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
3. Appointed Clerk Krug as temporary chairperson.
4. Approved the agenda as presented.
5. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of $257,635.65.
6. After conducting a public hearing on same, adopted Resolution No. 2017-28, confirming a revised special assessment roll for the Loon Lake Improvement Special Assessment District.
7. After conducting a public hearing on same, adopted Resolution No. 2017-29, creating the Dartmouth Drive Street Improvement Special Assessment District.
8. After conducting a public hearing on same, adopted Resolution No. 2017-30 and Resolution No. 2017-31, creating Crane Lake Improvement Special Assessment District No. 2, and scheduling a public hearing on the special assessment roll.
9. Adopted Ordinance No. 797, a Zoning Ordinance amendment to rezone parcels 06-11-100-001, 06-11-200-030, 06-11-504-009 & 06-11-504-010 from PUD to R-3.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK
**Public Hearing & Regular Board Meeting**

**Synopsis**

**Held September 5, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.**

2. Opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. to review and answer questions pertaining to the Silver Lake Estates Waste Collection Special Assessment project.
3. Closed the public hearing and reopened the regular meeting at 7:12 p.m.
4. Approved the agenda as amended; approved the consent agenda as presented.
5. Received and placed on file Communication #1-5 as presented.
6. Approved the random selection request of Chris and Jessie Weir as presented.
7. Approved Resolution #170901 to approve the project details and direct the special assessment roll for the Silver Lake Estates Waste Collection project.
8. Approved Resolution #170902 to schedule a public hearing and issue notices for the Silver Lake Estates Waste Collection project.
10. Adopted the employee handbook revision as amended to include a training policy.
11. Authorized the Employee Committee to determine the amount to compensate an employee for election related duties.
12. Appointed Jon Ward to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Perry Green as an alternate member to fill vacated terms. Mr. Ward’s term will expire 8/31/19 and Mr. Green’s term will expire 8/31/18.
13. Adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

The minutes of all regular and special Tyrone Township Board Meetings are on file and may be reviewed at the Tyrone Township Clerk’s office, 10408 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and online at www.tyronetownship.us. The next regular meeting of the Tyrone Township Board will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

Marcella Husted, Tyrone Township Clerk
Safety first when traveling with pets

Dogs should be properly restrained in vehicles and not allowed to ride with their heads out of the window. The high velocity of wind can damage their respiratory systems over time.

Pets’ love is unconditional, so it’s no wonder that pet owners want to keep their beloved animals by their side as much as possible. Pet owners whose pets spend ample time in the car should brush up on some safety precautions to ensure the roadways are safe for all travelers, including those covered in fur.

Driving while distracted is a significant safety concern. The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety notes that simply taking one’s eyes off the road for two seconds doubles the chances of being involved in a crash. Recent data from Kurgan, a leading supplier of quality dog travel supplies and accessories, reveals that of the 60 percent of respondents who had driven with pets in the last month, and more than half admitted to being distracted by their pets. Although the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration does not track how many accidents are attributed to pets, it’s easy to see how pets can be a distraction on the road.

Drivers should never allow their pets to sit on their laps or ride in vehicles unless they are restrained. Doing so puts all passengers, pets and humans alike, in danger. AAA says a 10-pound dog that’s not restrained can generate 500 pounds of force in a 50 mile per hour crash.

Pet owners can heed these safety guidelines to make trips with their pets less dangerous.

- Recognize that airbags can cause injury. Airbags are designed to protect people, not pets. It’s always recommended that pets ride in the back seat or the storage area of an SUV in vehicles equipped with airbags.
- Watch those windows. Although riding with their heads out of the car window is a quintessential image of dogs in car, such situations put dogs in danger. Fast-blowing debris or litter can injure the dog, and heavy airflow can damage the animal’s respiratory system, warn veterinarians.
- Dogs also may attempt to jump out.
- Invest in a restraint system. Vehicle restraint systems keep pets safe. Small dogs may benefit from being inside crates that are secured to the vehicle. Harnessing a poohch is another option, and many harnesses connect directly to seat belts. Dog gates and guards can be installed between the back seat and the storage bay area, which is great when traveling with multiple dogs.
- Avoid truck beds. The American Humane Society says pets should never be transported in the bed of pickup trucks. Dogs should only ride in pickup trucks with extended cabs that allow their owners to secure them in the backseat.

Keeping passengers, including both people and pets, safe in vehicles is the responsibility of drivers.

Word Search

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

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TRISH delish

Southern Style Green Beans with Bacon, Potatoes and Onions

One of the best things about “harvest season” is the amazing fresh vegetables we are able to use! My copious quantities of all things vegetative has led me to LOTS of cooking! Green Beans with Bacon, Potatoes, and Onions is a real treat. So good I dare say it can stand on its own as a main dish! — Trish

Ingredients

- 1 lb fresh green beans
- 6 strips (or more) thick cut bacon, cut into 1 inch pieces
- 5 small potatoes, diced
- 1 sweet onion
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 3-4 cups chicken stock
- Salt and Pepper

Directions

- Clean, trim and snap beans. Set aside.
- Cook the chopped bacon over medium heat in a large skillet.
- While bacon cooks, add onion, diced potatoes, and mince the garlic.
- When bacon is crisp, remove from pan to a paper towel lined plate.
- Pour off all but about 2 lbs of the bacon fat.
- Return pan to heat and add onions until translucent.
- Add garlic to onion, saute 2 minutes more.
- Add beans, potatoes & bacon back to pan.
- Season with salt and pepper (to taste).
- Add enough chicken stock to cover the mixture (about 3-4 cups).
- Simmer covered for 15-20 minutes or until the potatoes are tender.

I love to serve this with fresh Parmesan grated over the top. To brighten it up, I also threw on a couple roasted CHERRY TOMATOES!

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NR, 94 min. Comedy

Guess Who?

I am an actor born in Washington, D.C. on August 10, 1971. I am related to many famous novelists. I’ve acted in film, television and on the stage. I’m known for working with David Lynch. I also wrote the screenplay for one of the “Iron Man” films.

Answers in this edition of the Tri-County Times.

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