The perky, ever popular ukulele

Traditional Hawaiian instrument gains popularity with teens, beginning musicians

By Tim Jagielo

Fenton — A Joyful Noise Music Studio is usually filled with music, and on Saturday, Sept. 9, one room was filled with the delicate and cheerful sound of ukuleles. Emma Bayer, 18, prepared her four new students to play — tuning their ukuleles and talking about the very basics of this diminutive instrument.

Ukuleles have been around since the late 1800s, and have been rising in popularity since about 2010. The industry took note of this in 2012, when sales nearly doubled to one million ukuleles sold domestically, as tracked by the National Association of Music Merchants.

According to an article by The Atlantic, sales and popularity are bolstered by YouTube popularity, celebrity performances and the instruments’ affordability. A ukulele can sell from $30 to $1,500.

“I think the instrument itself is very non-intimidating,” said Bayer, an instructor and multi-instrumentalist. Ukuleles are smaller than a guitar or violin, at about 18-inches tall. It is very light and only has four strings. “It’s very pleasant to listen to, and very cheery.”

Because of this, it can make a good first instrument or secondary instrument.

Student Mike Clapp of Fenton Township, for example, is also a bass player.

“I find that it kind of connects to people in this really direct way, more than a guitar or a violin would,” Bayer said.

“I find that there have been a lot of kids, maybe 16 and under who have been really attracted and wanted to play,” she said.

Bayer has seen the ukulele popular among young students wanting to learn songs by the band Twenty One Pilots, which utilizes a ukulele for popular songs like “Stressed Out,” or singer Tyler Joseph’s cover of “Can’t Help Falling in Love.”

See UKULELE on 4B
Meet
BILL KROMER

• Educator in U.S., Africa
• Introduced wheeled walker to U.S.
• Family man, married 60 years

By Sally Rummel
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Bill Kromer, 82, of Linden, has led a life that most people can only imagine. After teaching and serving as a school administrator and professor in the U.S., he assisted three African countries in establishing their own viable elementary school systems, risked his own life during civil insurrections and was the one who introduced wheeled walkers to the U.S.

Recently, he and his wife, Char, also an educator, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary and now live in Shiawassee Shores Retirement Park in Linden. All four of their children, 12 grandchildren live within 15 minutes of their home. They also have 24 foster grandchildren.

What is the life accomplishment you’re most proud of?
Personally, it’s raising our family. Professionally, it would be my work in Africa. In all, we spent a total of 12 years in Africa, including Liberia and Uganda. Our kids were with us for three years in Africa.

Your philosophy is that you weren’t really teaching, as much as you were educating. What do you mean?
Parents are the child’s first and most important teacher. The general community is second and the schools are next especially if they deeply involve parents and community. This was the concept created in Hazel Park. Our first teaching assignments, that influenced our careers the most.

Eighty-five percent of the people had less than a high school education; most came from Appalachia. We visited all the homes, not just our students. We saw them as people with good hearts, interests and skills, not as people living in poverty. The kids were half a year behind neighboring school districts on statewide tests.

Within two years, we caught up and exceeded in student achievement. There was an explosion of interest in learning. That meant the entire community was transformed. Meanwhile, I earned a Master’s degree and PhD in School Administration. All this led to my selection to lead elementary school systems.

You also were involved in some dangerous situations while in Africa. What happened?
My work in Liberia was cut short by the civil insurrection that forced us to evacuate. I was taken to Washington, D.C. for a debriefing and got an urgent call at midnight (daybreak in Liberia) from the U.S. Department of State. They were attempting to rescue people stranded in Liberia in the French Embassy. A U.S. military helicopter was approaching the shore, but didn’t have adequate directions/landmarks to find the embassy. I was patched through to the helicopter and guided them through until they successfully rescued the people.

How did you introduce the wheeled walker to the U.S.?
We came back from our evacuation from Liberia with all our possessions lost and without employment. I was then unemployed. My father-in-law was having mobility issues and our search to help him led me to contact the inventor of a wheeled walker in Vancouver, Canada. He sent six walkers to me, saying that once people saw this, there would be others who would want this device. He was right. The wheeled walkers seen today are mere images of the original invention.

How else did you assist in Africa?
I was used by the U.S. Agency for International Development to do short-term educational consulting in other African nations, including four trips to Sudan. I was sent into those war conditions during the latter part of the 50 years of oppression suffered by the people at the hands of the radical government of Sudan. I also served in a short-term capacity during the two years of peace that allowed the independent country to South Sudan to be established.

After retiring at 65, I led mission teams back to Liberia from our church. I also became a member of Gideon International and accepted an invitation to join a team for a Bible distribution in Uganda, followed by another in Columbia, South America. Between these two, almost a million people received their own copy of Scripture and over 75,000 people made a decision to follow Jesus.

You’ve been married 60 years. What is your best advice for young couples?
Marry well, and deliberately do without so you can really live well.

What is something most people don’t know about you?
At age 6, my left foot was crushed, with the ball of the foot split into two sections, making my foot shorter and wider than the other. For years I required two pairs of shoes, with me using one of each set. Then again at age 40, my right lower leg was crushed, shattering the bone into splinters. An unique procedure including a full leg cast allowed enough splinters to mended together so the doctor could break my leg and place it in another hard cast. These issues have caused back problems but have served me well in reaching places in the world where few people have ever reached. I count that as a blessing as I am able to be active at age 82.
You can do WHAT with a DRONE?

By Hannah Ball
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Drones technology gets better every year, and the longer they’re on the market, the cheaper they become. More and more people are finding creative ways to utilize their drones. Here are some ideas for what you can do with a drone.

Deliver packages
Amazon announced plans to do drone deliveries with lighter packages. If the drone can carry enough weight, anyone can fly a package to someone else, but probably only short distances for now.

Walk the dog
Don’t have enough time to take the dog for a walk? Or are you simply too lazy? Tie the leash around the drone and walk your dog with it. Although, you’d have to remotely control it so you might as well just get the exercise yourself. Your dog will appreciate it.

Take photos/video
A popular use for drones is taking photos and video of scenery, events, and other visual events, like the hurricanes and flooding that Texas and Florida just experienced. You could take drone selfies from up high and far away, and on the top of mountains or huge hills for a cool photo.

Races
If you have enough friends with drones, you can have drone races. Find an empty field or a street that’s not too busy, and see whose drone is the fastest.

Obstacle courses
Races are fun, but if you want to do one better, create an obstacle course. You can use ladders, trees, hoops, or even a whole neighborhood.

Party drone
If you’re organizing an event, or helping a friend with one, you can fly the drone up high above everyone, and drop confetti or attach strobes lights for a party atmosphere.

Scavenger hunt
Drones are meant for taking photos, so create a scavenger hunt with friends. Make a list of things to take photos of, like a certain lake, a red car, a playground, a dog, a squirrel, and see who can complete the list the fastest. Although, make sure not to break any privacy laws.

Animal watching
Are you a hunter? Use a drone to track the activity of animals. Fly through the forest and mountains to find the best hunting area.

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Lazy vacation

At the beginning of the month, I had the welcome opportunity to take 10 days off — five days for actual vacation, four weekend days and Labor Day. It was great! Instead of going anywhere, I decided I would just like to stay home and relax, do some cleaning and organizing. TV watching and napping. I was planning on a couple of day trips, but it so happens that my husband and I became grandparents for the first time while I was off. Our grandson, Keith Michael Hogan, was born on Wednesday, Sept. 6. Baby Keith is adorable, just sayin.’

Other than that excitement, I did get quite a bit done. I cleaned and organized closets, and more importantly, organized my kitchen cabinets. Then, of course, I had to shop for a few new clothes so my closet didn’t look empty. And I stocked up on things for my kitchen cabinets. I won’t have to buy items like catsup, mustard, chicken stock, beef stock, dozens of different spices and more for at least six months.

It was fun to watch my favorite daytime TV shows all week, which are Rachael Ray, Who Wants to Be a Millionaire and, of course, The Chew. The View comes on between Rachel Ray and the 12 o’clock news, but I hate that show, worst on television. I like Whoopi Goldberg as an actress, but as a talk show host not so much.

On Who Wants to Be a Millionaire, I have fun yelling at the contestants for blowing big money by not knowing the answers to ridiculously easy questions. I mean, who doesn’t know that the Arlington Million is not one of the triple crown horse races? Just because I’m watching the show sitting at the bar in my family room, enjoying a glass of wine with my lunch doesn’t make answering questions any easier. And the fact that I lived in Arlington Heights, Illinois, where the annual Arlington Million event takes place for several years shouldn’t make a difference. Just kidding! I would probably freeze if I had to answer questions in front of millions of viewers.

Later in the afternoon, after a lazy nap on the couch with our dog, Diesel, I would start dinner and watch Little House on the Prairie reruns. I rarely cry for any reason, and when I say rarely, I mean I can go three and four years at a time without crying over anything going on in my life. I think it’s because when my sisters and I were little, our dad would say that dad thing, “If you don’t stop that crying I’m gonna give you something to cry about!”

There is one exception. When Little House on the Prairie comes on, not five minutes go by before I am in tears looking for a box of tissues. I know, I know …

Yes, I sure do love lazy vacations. But when they come, that’s the best thing about them.

Verdict: Lazy Vacation

I have to admit I was skeptical about lazy vacations. I thought they were just for people who don’t like to do anything. But I was prove to be completely wrong. Lazy vacations are the perfect way to relax, catch up on things that you’ve been meaning to do, and just enjoy being at home.

The best part is that you can do as much or as little as you want. You can just lie on the couch all day or you can get up early and go for a walk. It’s completely up to you.

So, the next time you’re thinking about taking a vacation, consider a lazy one instead. You won’t regret it!
FENTON HYDRANT FLUSHING

THE CITY OF FENTON WILL BEGIN ITS FALL HYDRANT FLUSHING AND WINTERIZATION PROGRAM ON SEPTEMBER 25TH, AND WILL CONTINUE THIS OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS. DURING THIS PROCEDURE YOU MAY ENCOUNTER SOME DISCOLORED WATER. IF YOU DO, LET YOUR WATER RUN FOR A SHORT TIME AND IT SHOULD CLEAR UP IF IT DOES NOT CLEAR PLEASE CONTACT THE FENTON WATER DEPARTMENT AT 629-2261.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY GAS AND/OR ELECTRIC FRANCHISE ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE NO. 213
GROVELAND TOWNSHIP, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right and power to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services, and to construct, maintain and commercially se electric lines consisting of towers, masts, poles crossarms, guys, braces, feeders, transmission and distribution wires, transformers and other electrical appliances on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, waterways, and other public places, and to do a local gas and/or electric business in the TOWNSHIP OF GROVELAND, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

The TOWNSHIP OF GROVELAND ODAINS:
Section 1. Grant Term – 30 years from adoption
Section 2 Consideration – perform all things required
Section 3. Conditions – Not to obstruct any places used by Grantee longer than necessary
Section 4. Hold Harmless - Township of Groveland
Section 5. Franchise Not Exclusive
Section 6. Extensions of gas and electric systems from time to time
Section 7. Rates Michigan Public Service Commission, Grantee shall be entitled to charge inhabitants of said Township
Section 8. Revocation
Section 9. Michigan Public Service Commission, Jurisdiction
Section 10. Repealer - Supersedes prior ordinance adopted on October 19, 1987
Section 11. Effective Date: Adopted by the Township Board of Trustees on August 14, 2017

Approved and adopted by the Groveland Township Board of Trustees September 11, 2017. The Code of Ordinances is available for inspection at the township office during regular business hours. Publication of the new code is available at www.grovelandtownship.net

Pamela Mazich, Clerk
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CITY OF LINDEN – PUBLIC HEARING
ZONING ORDNANCE TEXT AMENDMENT

The Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Monday, October 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., as part of the regular meeting agenda, in the Council Chambers located at 201 N. Main Street, Linden, Michigan, to consider amendments related to driveways and front yard parking in residential districts. A proposed amendment to Section 2.2 would add a definition for driveway; a proposed amendment to Section 4.5.1 would limit front yard driveway surface coverage for residential districts; and, a proposed amendment to Section 10.2.6 would limit the location of parking in the front yard for single- and two-family dwellings. The full text of the proposed amendments is available for review at the city offices during normal business hours. Persons wishing to comment on the matter are encouraged to attend the public hearing or to address written comments to the City Clerk in City Hall at P.O. Box 507, 132 E. Broad Street, Linden, Michigan 48451 prior to the date of the public hearing. Persons needing special accommodations to attend should contact the City Clerk.

NOTICE
HOLLY TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Holly Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on:

DATE: OCTOBER 3, 2017
TIME: 6:30 PM
PLACE: HOLLY AREA SCHOOLS BOARD ROOM
KARL RICHTER COMMUNITY CENTER
920 E. BAIRD ST.
HOLLY, MI 48442
PHONE: 248-634-9331 Ext. 301

The purpose of the public hearings are to consider a Special Land Use Permits by the following applicants:

1. Michigan Renaissance Festival to operate a Zombie Walk, Laser Tag, Escape Game, etc. on October 23 and 30, 2017 and a Dinner Theatre for 80 people on October 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, and 29, 2017 on parcel number 01-12-476-002 and 01-12-401-003 in an AGRE Zoning District. AND

2. AT&T Mobility to place a Temporary Wireless Communication Facilities (COW) on wheels at 8446 Lahrin Rd., parcel number 01-12-451-002 in an AGRE Zoning District.

Any person having interest is encouraged to attend the hearing or comment by letter to the Holly Township Zoning Administrator, 102 Civic Drive, Holly, MI 48442.

A copy of the Special Use application and plans may be reviewed at the Clerk’s office at the above-mentioned address during regular business hours Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. except holidays.

Handicap persons needing assistance to attend or participate in this hearing are asked to contact the Township Clerk at 248-634-9331 Ext. 301 or by writing to the above-mentioned address at least 5 business days prior to the meeting.

Karin S. Winchester, Clerk/Zoning Administrator

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
UPON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE
TYRONE TOWNSHIP SILVER LAKE ESTATES
WASTE REMOVAL PROJECT (2017)
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

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:


(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 a 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 Husted
Tyrone Township Clerk
Puzzle Answers

Wednesday Sudoku, Crossword Puzzle and Jumbles are located in last Wednesday’s issue. All other puzzles are located throughout this edition of the Times.

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NOTICE ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP

Please be notified that the Argentine Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Meeting on Monday, October 2, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Argentine Township Hall, 9048 Silver Lake Rd., to consider the following Variances:

Carey & Teena Smith, 8336 Peninsular Dr is requesting Side yard and Rear Yard Variances to build a shed. Described as 01-36-551-005, Lot 7 Winnetonka Beach.

Terry Groves and Gerald Legan, 16207 Knobhill Dr is requesting a Variance to construct a home with foundation and structure squared off in front and back. Permit denied based on square foot and goes beyond the current footprint allowed. Described as 01-35-52-043, Lot 60 Argentine Park, Lobdell Lake.

Thomas and Angela Stone, 16443 Oakhill Dr is requesting a Variance for a Sideyard Setback to build a new home. Described as 01-36-551-005, Lot 7 Winnetonka Beach.

A complete copy of these tax descriptions may be viewed at the Township office during regular office hours.

Denise Graves, Clerk
Argentine Township
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Public Act 47 of 2004. MCL 333.26269

At a regular meeting of the Groveland Township Board held Monday, September 11, 2017, the amendment to the Codified Ordinance was approved and adopted by a vote of 4-0. Copies of the amendments to the Ordinance are available for your inspection at the Groveland Township Office, 4695 Grange Hall Road, Holly, MI during regular business hours. Effective upon approval and adoption: September 11, 2017

Pamela Mazich, Clerk – 248-634-4152

PUBLIC NOTICE
Because the People Want to Know
GROVELAND TWP.

Sunday Scrambler

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words.
Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Sunday Crossword

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

Answers in this edition of the Tri-County Times
**Glenn Walters**
Glenn Walters - age 64, of Fenton, died Tuesday, September 12, 2017. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

**Ronald J. Soyka**
Ronald J. Soyka - age 65, died September 11, 2017 at his home in Fenton. Mr. Soyka was born in 1951 in the eye of the opening day of hunting season, in Bessemer, MI, to Paul and Pauline (nee: Drazkowski) Soyka. He is survived by his loving wife, Barbara Soyka; siblings, Connie Gibbs, David (Marsha) Soyka of Colorado, Nannette (Randy) Frechen, and Timothy (Cindy) Soyka; brothers-in-law, Bryan (Carla) Gould, and Jim (Cathy) Gould; and many many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Alan Soyka. Mr. Soyka could be seen most days riding his bike around town. He enjoyed sailing, ice hockey, hunting, fishing, and loved traveling to the Upper Peninsula. Visitation will be Sunday, September 17, 2017 from 4-8 PM at the Temrowski Family Funeral Home, 500 Main St., Fenton. Memorial service will be held Monday, September 18, 2017, 11 AM, at the Fenton United Methodist Church. Friends may gather at 10 AM until the time of his memorial service. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfunerahome.com.

**Beverly Anne Hice**
Beverly Anne Hice - age 84, of Fenton, died Tuesday, September 12, 2017. Beverly was born October 1, 1932 in Flint, the daughter of Charles Franklin and Feme Olive (Kincher) Hice. She married James Henry, Hice February 6, 1954, in Flint and he preceded her in death March 10, 2008. She was a loving wife and mother who was deeply loved by her family and friends. Beverly was involved in the Fenton Artist Guild, and had worked with Nancy Stockham in Fenton as a social worker. After retirement they moved to North Carolina where Beverly was a cherished friend to many. Surviving are: daughter, Darcy and husband Daniel Hult of Fenton; son, Steven and wife Diane Hice of Grand Blanc; five grandchildren, Erin, Ryan, Darren, Clayton, and Jordan; three great-grandchildren, Lauren, Christopher, and Cane; brothers, Wayne and wife Joni Hatch of North Carolina/Florida; Allen and wife Pat Hatch of Grand Blanc, Denny and wife Carol Hatch of Burton; and several nieces and nephews. Beverly will be placed in the columbarium with her husband, James Hince, whom she loved and adored, at Great Lakes National Cemetery at a later date. No public service will be held. Those desiring may make contributions to Ele’s Place (http://www.elesplace.org) or Lake Fenton Community Schools Education Foundation. Alice was born on October 31, 1947 in Ann Arbor, the daughter of Clarence and Inza (Hoffer) Bristle. She was a 1966 graduate of Fenton High School and earned her B.A. in Business Economics and M.A. in Education from Michigan State University. Alice lived in Gains since 1972 and was a teacher at Lake Fenton Community Schools. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma (Kappa Alpha) and the Michigan Education Association (M.E.A.). Alice was the Michigan State Fair Hog Calling Champion. She enjoyed quilting and embroidery. Surviving are: two nephews, Joseph Dickson of Lansing and Lewes (Carrie) Dickson of Maplewood, MN; two nieces, Michelle Dickson of Ypsilanti, and Donna Faust of Jackson; many great-nieces and great-nephews. Shes was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Dorothy Dickson; brother, Robert Bristle, and nephew, Dominic Bristle. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituary page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

**Alice Marie Bristle**
Alice Marie Bristle - age 69, of Gaines, died Sunday, September 10, 2017. A funeral service will be held 3 PM Sunday, September 24, 2017 at Sharp Funeral Directors, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. The family will accept friends from 5:30-9 PM Saturday, September 16 at the funeral home. The White Rose Ceremony: Celebration of Remembrance (by the Delta Kappa Gamma Society of Key women) will be held at 7:30 PM Sunday evening at the funeral home. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to Ele’s Place (http://www.elesplace.org) or Lake Fenton Community Schools Education Foundation. Alice was born on October 31, 1947 in Ann Arbor, the daughter of Clarence and Inza (Hoffer) Bristle. She was a 1966 graduate of Fenton High School and earned her B.A. in Business Economics and M.A. in Education from Michigan State University. Alice lived in Gains since 1972 and was a teacher at Lake Fenton Community Schools. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma - Mu Chapter, National Education Association (A.A.) and the Michigan Education Association (M.E.A.). Alice was the Michigan State Fair Hog Calling Champion. She enjoyed quilting and embroidery. Surviving are: two nephews, Joseph Dickson of Lansing and Lewes (Carrie) Dickson of Maplewood, MN; two nieces, Michelle Dickson of Ypsilanti, and Donna Faust of Jackson; many great-nieces and great-nephews. Shes was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Dorothy Dickson; brother, Robert Bristle, and nephew, Dominic Bristle. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituary page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

**Charlene (Haines) Butts**
Charlene (Haines) Butts - age 87, of Fenton, was returned to her heavenly home, September 13, 2017, to walk in the beautiful gardens with the Lord. Funeral service will be held 11 AM, Friday, September 15, 2017 at the Fenton United Methodist Church, 119 S. Leroy St. Fenton. Memorial contributions to visitors from 4-7 PM on Saturday, Thursday, September 14, 2017 at the church and from 10 AM until time of service Friday morning. Burial will be in Sunset Cemetery, Fenton. Rev. Michelle Forsyth officiating. Charlene was blessed with a large and loving family: Barbara Blisbee, Jennie (Tom) Porman, Jackie (Ed) Hosey, Julie (Michael) Sage, Michael ( Michele) Butts, Dr. Laurie (Joe) Novak, Matthew (Melissa) Butts, 15 grandchildren, Lainie, Brett, Scott, Bethanie, Jessica, Sarah, Aimee, Jacob, Rachel, Nicolas, Charlie, Michael, Madison, Rebecca, Samuel, ten great-grandchildren, sister, Marilyn (Max) Blum, brother-in-law, Carroll Butts, and many nieces and nephews. Charlene was preceded in death by her husband, Bobby Butts, on January 22, 2013. www.dodds-dumanois.com.

**Gwendolyn A. Franklin**
Gwendolyn A. Franklin - age 93, of Fenton, passed away Tuesday, September 12, 2017. Funeral Mass was celebrated 10:30 AM Friday, September 15, 2017 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide Street, Fenton. Visitation was 2-8 PM Thursday at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton. Betel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton, where a rosary service was held at 7 PM; visitation was held 9-30 AM until the time of Mass Friday at the church. Those desiring may make contributions to the Loose Center or St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Gwendolyn was born January 6, 1924 in Flint, the daughter of Peter A. and Elizabeth C. (Wangler) Smith. She was a graduate of Flint Northern High School. Gwendolyn was married to Haden R. Franklin April 27, 1951, and he preceded her in death on May 16, 2007. She worked at AC Spark Plug for over 32 years before moving to Prudenville with her husband in 1989. She attended Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church when she lived in Prudenville; and also attended St. Pius X Catholic Church of Flint. Gwendolyn was a past member of a and a D.A.R. chapter. She was involved at the Loose Center where she loved playing cards. Gwendolyn loved watching sports and was a big Tigers fan. Surviving are: daughters, Kathy (Ed) Hulst of Fenton and Karen Herford of Linden; step-daughter, Rebecca; sons, Greg, (Tamara) Frank of Georgia; many many great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren, lifelong friends, Kathy Thomas, Anna Williams, and the rest of the birthday club and all her friends at Lockwood of Fenton. She was also preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, two brothers; son, William Hanson; granddaughter, Stephanie (Pete) Dow- in-law, Thomas Herford; and daughter-in-law, Sally Smith may be shared on the obituary page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.
Obituaries

Harold Sullivan

James Brannon

Rosemary Johnson

Jose Jimenez, Jr.

Eleanor Karnes

Donald O’Dell

Renae Miller

William Voakes

Joseph Cooney

Parmesan Garlic Roasted Asparagus

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

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R E V O S I E T I O N A & R P A I R
AMPERAGE, APPLIANCE, ARCHITECT, ASBESTOS, BACKFILL, BEAM, BONDING, CAULKING, CODE, CONSTRUCTION, CONTRACTOR, DOWNSPOUT, DRYWALL, ENERGY, FITTING, FLOORING, FURNACE, IMPROVE, LOAD-BEARING, PERMIT, PLUMBING, POWER, REBAR, REMOVE, REPLACE, RESTORATION, RETROFIT, SEPTIC, SEWER, STUDS, TECHNOLOGY, TILE, WALLS, WINDOWS, WIRING, WOOD

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DVD RELEASES

CITIZEN JANE
Citizen Jane is a timely tale of what can happen when engaged citizens fight the power for the sake of a better world. Arguably no one did more to shape our understanding of the modern American city than Jane Jacobs, the visionary activist and writer who fought to preserve urban communities in the face of destructive development projects. Director Matt Tyrnauer (Valentino: The Last Emperor) vividly brings Jacobs’ 1960s showdown with ruthless construction kingpin Robert Moses over his plan to raze lower Manhattan to make way for a highway, a dramatic struggle over the very soul of the neighborhood.
NR, 1 hr. 32 min. Documental

BABY DRIVER
A talented, young getaway driver (Ansel Elgort) relies on the beat of his personal soundtrack to be the best in the game. But after being coerced into working for a crime boss (Kevin Spacey), he must face the music when a doomed heist threatens his life, love and freedom.
R, 1 hr. 53 min. Action & Adventure, Comedy, Drama

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