Santa and Mrs. Claus actually live in nearby Finnish Lapland, because of the harsh conditions.

By Sally Rummel
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Say the words “North Pole” and most people immediately conjure images of Santa and Mrs. Claus and all the elves, tirelessly making toys in Santa’s Workshop.

Shhh, don’t tell the kids, but it’s even too cold for Santa at the North Pole, so his workshop is actually in Finnish Lapland, where the Santa Claus Village in the Finnish town of Rovaniemi is open year round. You can send letters to and from Santa’s post office, which will bear the official postmark of the Arctic Circle.

If Finnish Lapland seems a little out of reach, Santa also has a satellite workshop in the holiday-themed town of North Pole, Alaska, where streets are named Kris Kringle, Mistletoe, Donner and Blitzen.

You can track Santa on Christmas Eve.

On Christmas Eve, use theSanta Tracker North Pole Command Center app ($1.99) to keep an eye on Santa’s progress from the North Pole around the world.

Where is the geographic North Pole?

The North Pole isn’t a place you’ll find on land — it’s in the Arctic Ocean, on constantly shifting pieces of sea ice.

Ever since it was discovered by Robert Peary, Matthew Henson and four Eskimo companions back in 1909, the North Pole has been a “hotbed” of international intrigue.

It’s not a part of any nation, but surrounding countries, Russia, Canada, Denmark (via Greenland), Norway and the United States (via Alaska) have been fighting for years over vast underground oil reserves in the Arctic Circle.

Each country is allowed to explore potential oil reserves within 200 miles of their coastlines. In 2007, Russia used a mini-submarine to plant the country’s flag on the floor of the Arctic Ocean in an attempt to claim the region and its natural resources, but the United Nations

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Village Manor Retirement of Hartland

Family owned and operated independent facility offers unique benefits for residents

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Village Manor Retirement in Hartland is at 9501 E. Hartland Rd., off M-59, just west of U.S. 23. In addition to independent living, this facility also has assisted care available. They’re all decked out for the holidays, and ready to meet with families interested in a welcoming, inviting atmosphere for their family member.

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For more information, visit Npmarathon.com.

How cold is it at the North Pole?

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Better not pout....

Hilarious photos with Santa

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Not every kid is ecstatic to meet Santa Claus and sit on his knee. Some get fussy and some freak out. The Times asked readers to send in funny photos of their kids if they didn’t like meeting Santa.

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Denise Graves, Clerk
Argentine Township
The late George Carlin (died 2008) was a legend when it came to giving thought-provoking speeches. His language was “colorful” at times, but his messages rang true, at least to me. So on this Christmas Eve, I would like to share with you the words he spoke after his wife’s passing:

“The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees and smaller families, more convenience, but less sense, more knowledge, but less light. We produce more copies than ever, but accomplish less. We’ve learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.

“These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships. These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes. These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throw away morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill. It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom. A time when technology can bring (these words) to you, and a time when you can choose either to share this insight, or to just hit delete …

“Remember; spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever. Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will not be there again. Remember, to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn’t cost a cent.

“Remember, to say, ‘I love you’ to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you. Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person will not be there again.

“Give time to love, give time to speak and give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind. And always remember: Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.”

Merry Christmas!

Tuft said he really enjoys playing Santa, and has amassed some funny stories over the years. He often gives gifts to the kids, and most wait until later to open it. One kid immediately tore it open the second Tuft handed it to him.

“It was funny. I almost started laughing. I’m watching this little guy and he’s digging into this present … he doesn’t realize what Christmas is, he’s 2½,” he said. A few years ago, one kid told Tuft he was going to pull his beard off.

“He says, ‘Santa, I’m going to pull your beard.’ I say, ‘you don’t want to do that. That would hurt Santa,’” he said. “He was 7 or 8 … but he didn’t. I talked him into not doing it.”

What it’s like being ‘Santa’

Local resident has taken on the role of Santa for 15 years

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During the Christmas season, the most popular person to take pictures with is Santa Claus. You’ll find Santa at the mall, different stores, events, and holiday parties.

What’s it like to be “Santa”?

Fenton resident George Huot has played “Santa” for the past 15 years for an area family during their Christmas party, and occasionally for the VFW.

“Most of the kids are just overjoyed to see Santa,” he said. “It’s fun for me and I’m sure the kids look forward to it every Christmas.”

Huot said the holiday has become commercialized and he makes sure the kids know Christmas is about Jesus.

“It’s all about giving back to the kids,” he said. “I try to tell the kids that we’re celebrating a birthday. It’s Jesus’ birthday celebration. It’s very important that they know that … I don’t need a gift for Christmas, I know what it’s all about. It’s about our Savior. He’s the biggest gift in the world.”

Not every kid, however, is overjoyed to see the man in the big, red suit. Some scream and cry or give Santa the stink eye.

Huot said older kids, ages 15 or 16, and the parents will still sit on Santa’s lap for a picture. Huot asks the kids what they want for Christmas, and if they’ve been good girls or boys and nice to their parents.

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Merry Christmas!

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New Fenton office helps develop local workforce

By Sally Rummel
news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

A new GST Michigan Works! office opened Oct. 2 at 4045 Owen Rd., in the same plaza as Mancino’s Pizza & Grinders.

What is GST Michigan Works!? The new Fenton office is one of 16 Michigan Works! agencies in Michigan operating workforce development programs. These are designed to assist employers in finding skilled workers and job seekers prepare for, find and retain employment.

What does GST stand for? It stands for the counties of Genesee, Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac, Shiawassee and Tuscola, where we serve the needs of businesses and those seeking employment.

How does the employment process work? We design customized strategies for both employers and job seekers. Our region-wide team of employer-focused Business Solutions Professionals is available in all six counties. We also offer employment services, and a network of partners offering education, training and development resources.

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**GROVELAND TOWNSHIP LEGAL NOTICE**

The regular meeting of the Groveland Township Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Groveland Township Hall, 4695 Grange Hall Road, Holly, MI 48442. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the following:

- BZA 2018-001, Mike Ottman, Big Sky Dr., Holly, MI (MAIN CROSSROADS Tripp Rd. & Dixie Hwy) Sec. 02-18-351-009. FRONT YARD SET BACK, SIDE YARD SET BACK.

Additional information is available at the Township Office during regular business hours. If you are unable to attend the meeting, your written comments are welcome at the Township Office prior to the night of the meeting.

**TYRONE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS**

**HELD DECEMBER 19, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.**

2. Approved the agenda as amended; approved the consent agenda as presented.
3. Approved the Sanctuary at Tyrone site condominiums development concept plan.
4. Approved the cyber liability insurance for the township office.
5. Rejected the settlement offer for a fire run charge.
6. Approved the agenda as amended; approved the consent agenda as presented.
7. Adjourned at 7:37 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, January 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

Marcella Husted, Tyrone Township Clerk

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**Merry Christmas!**

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**Advertisements**

**ADVERTISING FOR BIDS ON POLICE DEPARTMENT UPGRADES AND REPAIRS**

Approval: Advertising for bids on Police department upgrades and repairs.

**APPROVED: SPENDING UP TO $3,000 FOR REPAIRS AND FLOORING IN THE LOWER LEVEL OF TOWNSHIP OFFICE BUILDING**

Approval: Spending up to $3,000 for repairs and flooring in the lower level of the Township Office building.

**ADVERTISING FOR BIDS ON POLICE DEPARTMENT UPGRADES AND REPAIRS**

Approval: Advertising for bids on Police department upgrades and repairs.

**APPROVED: PAYMENT OF BILLS AS PRESENTED**

Approval: Payment of bills as presented.

**APPROVED: CHIEF ALLEN TO PROMOTE OFFICER PAUL HONKANEN TO FULL-TIME STATUS**

Authority: Chief Allen to promote Officer Paul Honkanen to full-time status.

**APPROVED: RESOLUTION 2017-2017-26 FOR SEWAGE TREATMENT**

Approval: Resolution 2017-2017-26 for Sewage Treatment.

**APPROVED: SEWER ORDINANCES #74 AND #75**

Approval: Sewer Ordinances #74 and #75.

**ADVERTISING FOR BIDS ON POLICE DEPARTMENT UPGRADES AND REPAIRS**

Approval: Advertising for bids on Police department upgrades and repairs.

**APPROVED: STRATEGIC PLAN FOR TOWNHIP OFFICE BUILDING**

Approval: Strategic Plan for Township Office Building.

**APPROVED: RESOLUTION 2017-2017-26 FOR SEWAGE TREATMENT**

Approval: Resolution 2017-2017-26 for Sewage Treatment.

**APPROVED: MINUTES AS PRINTED OF NOVEMBER 27, 2017**

Approval: Minutes as printed of November 27, 2017.

**APPROVED: CHIEF ALLEN TO PROMOTE OFFICER PAUL HONKANEN TO FULL-TIME STATUS**

Authority: Chief Allen to promote Officer Paul Honkanen to full-time status.

**APPROVED: CHIEF TO HIRE 2 PART-TIME OFFICERS, KAREN KREIGER AND RYAN LEACH**

Authority: Chief to hire 2 Part-time officers, Karen Kreiger and Ryan Leach.

**ADOPTED: SEWER ORDINANCES #74 AND #75**

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**ACCEPTED: QUOTE FROM LITTLE HOUSE OF CARPET IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,200**

Accepted: Quote from Little House of Carpet in the amount of $2,200.

**APPROVED: SPENDING UP TO $3,000 FOR REPAIRS AND FLOORING IN THE LOWER LEVEL OF TOWNSHIP OFFICE BUILDING**

Approved: Spending up to $3,000 for repairs and flooring in the lower level of Township office building.

**APPROVED: ADVERTISING FOR BIDS ON POLICE DEPARTMENT UPGRADES AND REPAIRS**

Approved: Advertising for bids on Police department upgrades and repairs.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS**

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**Synopsis of Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting**

**December 18, 2017**

Call to order @ 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Saad

Present: Saad, Hallman, Schmidt, Graves and Conner. Absent: none

Approved: Minutes as printed of November 27, 2017.

Authorized

Approved: Payment of bills as presented.

Issued 15 Building Permits in the amount of $6,492.87.

Authorized: Chief Allen to promote Officer Paul Honkanen to full-time status.

Authorized: Chief to hire 2 Part-time officers, Karen Kreiger and Ryan Leach.

Adopted: Sewer Ordinances #74 and #75.

Adopted: Resolution 2017-2017-26 for Sewage Treatment.

Accepted: Quote from Little House of Carpet in the amount of $2,200.

Approved: Spending up to $3,000 for repairs and flooring in the lower level of Township office building.

Approved: Advertising for bids on Police department upgrades and repairs.

Adjourned @ 7:38 p.m.

Submitted by Denise Graves

Argentine Township Clerk
ROLL CALL: Board Members Present: Miller, Gambka, Blaska, Noble, Scheib-Snider

APPROVED: Agenda as amended.

APPROVED: Consent Agenda with addition of (E.) Board Appointments discussion.

PRESENTATION: Canceled until January 10, 2018 due to inclement weather.

APPROVED: Cell Tower Lease Option #1, draft contract.

APPROVED: Resolution approving new HAYA Board of Directors, Teresa Blaska, George Kullis and Amy Wright.


APPROVED: Resolution authorizing Clerk, Debbie Miller sign the 2018 North Oakland Household Hazardous Waste Interlocal Agreement for continued Rose Township participation.

APPROVED: Authorize Supervisor, Dianne Scheib-Snider to amend Fire Fund Budget $5000 to pay half of $9,900 to Wade Trim, Inc. for North Oakland County Fire Authority for professional Engineering services of related to Insurance Services Office certification of alternative water supplies including dry hydrant and hard suction point locations.

ADJOURNED: By motion at 8:03 p.m.

Dianne Scheib-Snider Debbie Miller, MMC, CMMC
Rose Township Supervisor Rose Township Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT - PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD)
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

To the residents and property owners of The Charter Township of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan, and any other interested persons:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of a recommendation made by the Fenton Township Planning Commission, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton will conduct a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Fenton Township Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of revising the PUD conditions for previously rezoned property, parcel 06-09-300-036, owned by Lahring Blaska, George Kullis and Amy Wright.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the legal description of the subject property is as follows:

A PARCEL OF LAND BEG N 89 DEG 50 MIN E 207.5 FT FROM SW COR OF SEC TH N 0 DEG 01 MIN 30 SEC W 439.06 FT TH S 89 DEG 50 MIN W 207.5 FT TH N 0 DEG 01 MIN 30 SEC W 2241.43 FT TH N 89 DEG 39 MIN 57 SEC E 1318.1 FT TH S 0 DEG 06 MIN 11 SEC E 2196.34 FT TH S 89 DEG 50 MIN W 200 FT TH S 0 DEG 06 MIN 11 SEC E 486 FT TH S 89 DEG 50 MIN W 424.18 FT TH N 0 DEG 01 MIN 30 SEC W 330.96 FT TH N 71 DEG 56 MIN 37 SEC W 212.94 FT TH S 0 DEG 01 MIN 30 SEC E 397.55 FT TH S 89 DEG 50 MIN W 287.57 FT TO PL OF BEG SEC 9 T5N R6E (07) 74.45 A FR 06-09-300-022/035

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has tentatively scheduled the first reading of the proposed amendatory ordinance to be conducted concurrently with the public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the proposed amendatory ordinance may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk from the date of this Notice until and including the date of the public hearing hereon and may further be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the public hearing for the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment will be held at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan within the Township commencing at 7:30 p.m. on Monday January 8, 2018.

At such hearing, the board will consider any written comments regarding the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment that might be filed with said board at or prior to the time of said hearing. All interested persons are also invited to present at the aforesaid time and place and to submit verbal comments concerning any of the foregoing.

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1. Proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to rezone parcel 06-31-400-003 (16362 Linden Road) from R-3 to AG.

2. Proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to rezone parcel 06-23-530-026 (14090 Swanee Beach Drive) from R-3 to AG, with conditions.

The second reading of the proposed ordinances will be conducted at the January 8, 2018 Fenton Township Board meeting.

Complete copies of the proposed ordinances may be obtained at the office of the Fenton Township Clerk, 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 $344,794.50.
6. After conducting a public hearing on same, adopted Resolution No. 2017-55, confirming the special assessment roll for the Byram Ridge No. 1 Street Lighting Special Assessment District.
7. Conducted the first reading of a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to rezone parcel 06-31-400-003 (16362 Linden Road) from R-3 to AG.
8. Conducted the first reading of a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to rezone parcel 06-23-530-026 (14090 Swanee Beach Drive) from R-3 to AG, with conditions.
9. Approved a 2018 Building Inspection Services agreement with D&G of Michigan, Inc.
10. Adopted amendments to the 2017 Fenton Township Budget.
11. Adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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
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 Tri-County Times.

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Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, you might be seeking answers in the wrong places. Refine your parameters and look in a new direction, especially if a resolution is taking awhile.

Capricorn

Dec 22/Jan 19

Capricorn, if family life is taking over and tiring you out, shift your gears in another direction. You need to recharge and let your other interests take over for awhile.

Aquarius

Jan 20/Feb 18

Aquarius, words shared at work may have you worried you’ve burned some bridges. It’s not the case. Others still look to you for help and guidance and value your input.

Pisces

Feb 19/Mar 20

It’s common to make life as-is, even if not the way you want it. Take time to reassess the future.
**Obituaries**

**Bard McClanahan**

**Bonnie Simpson**

**Dorothy Tittmus**

**Frances McAuley**

**Leonid Yufa**

**Marsha Hunter**

**Nannie Phillips**

**Patsy Gwinn**

**Viola Cilber**

**Christopher Parks**

**Victoria Webb**

**Christine Freeman**

**Emily Hnatuk**

**Barbara J. McCormick**
1924-2017
Barbara J. McCormick - age 93, of Grand Blanc, died Tuesday, December 19, 2017. Services to be held 1 PM Saturday, December 23, 2017 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Road, Fenton, MI 48430. Interment will follow in Fairview Cemetery. Visitation will be held 2-4 and 6-8 PM Friday, December 22, 2017. Those desiring may make contributions to the South Mundy United Methodist Church. Barbara was born June 10, 1924 in Flint, daughter of Charles and Blanche (Hubble) Sargent. She was a 1942 graduate of Flint Central High School. Barbara married Charles O. McCormick March 30, 1946 in Flint and he preceded her in death on October 8, 2009. She was a secretary for Michigan School for the Deaf, then Linden Community School where she retired. Barbara was a long time member of South Mundy United Methodist Church where she served as trustee and was also very active in the United Methodist Women. She was also a member of the Stepping Stone club, Iola Larbbda Chapter of Pi Omicron National Chapter and charter member of American Business Women Assocation. Barbara enjoyed découpage, cooking and raising granddaughter, Cheryl (Arnold) Berry; son, Charles A. (Michelle) McCormick; six grandchildren, Trisha Curtis, Jeremy McCormick, Justin (Alexon) McCormick, James (Lauren) McCormick, Leah (Jason) McCollum, Michael (Courtney); seven great grandchildren, Takoma, Paige, Kristie, Riley, Emmett, Alex, and Gabby; and several special nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her parents, daughter, Marcia Fick; granddaughter, Mariie Cazel; great nieces, Tilda Dotson, Thelma, Peggie, and Jack. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

**Linda S. Joslyn McDoniel**
1941-2017
Linda S. Joslyn - age 76, passed away in her home in Evansville, IN on December 18, 2017. Linda was a 1959 graduate of Fenton High School where she played many sports, was a cheerleader and homecoming queen. She is survived by her husband, Marty; daughter, Lisa Brum; son, Martin; granddaughter, Joslyn Brum; sisters, Mar (Will) Smith, Nancy Carbone, Connie Beardsley and brother, Rob.

**Ronald Camp**

**Thelma Mary ‘The Old’ Martin**
1920-2017
Thelma Mary “The Old” Martin - age 97, of Fenton passed away December 15, 2017. Services will be held at a later date. Arrangements provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Thelma was born August 25, 1920 in Flint, to Joseph and Anna Mrasek. She graduated from Northern High School in 1938. She married Bruce late February 18, 1944. Mrs. Martin worked as a bookkeeper for Western Electric Co. for 28 years, retiring in 1986. She later returned to work at Hudson’s (Macys) for nine years, retiring in October of 2003. For several years she was a member of the American Business Women’s Association Flint Chapter. She was a very talented needlepoint and embroidery artist, golfer, and loved following the stock market. She was a lifelong antique collector and later in life was found at Aunt Barb’s Antique Shop in Holly every Saturday. Her greatest joy was her grandchildren and spending time with them. She will be deeply missed and remembered for her dry sense of humor, storytelling, Thelmaisms, her wholesome, rural, and independent. She is survived by her daughter, Rochelle Martin-Moylen; son-in-law, Rex Alexander; grandchildren, Tyler, Caitlin and Jillian Moylen; grandchildren, Phoebe, Summer and sister, Eleanor. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

**Timmy Ray Dotson**
1966-2017
Timmy Ray Dotson - age 51, of Fenton, died Wednesday, December 20, 2017. Funeral services will be held 2 PM Tuesday, December 26, 2017 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Road. Fenton. Pastor Willis Hurley officiating. Interment to follow in Oakwood Cemetery, Fenton. Visitation will be 12-2 PM Tuesday. Timmy was born April 2, 1966 in Grundy, VA, the son of Lawrence and Tilda (Scarberry) Dotson. He married Kathi Wood in 2009 in Flint and she preceded him in death in 2015. Timmy loved working on cars and would help anyone with anything. He loved children, especially his nieces and nephews. Surviving are: his mother, Tilda Dotson of Fenton; seven siblings, David (Tina) Dotson of Fenton, Jimmy (Lisa) Dotson of Fenton, Shirley (Jerry) Estep of Fenton, Jeannine Turszanski of Clarkston, Geneva Cantrell of Clarkston, Barbara Arnolds of Argentine, Wanda Stillner of Indiana; several, nieces and nephews, and many friends. He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Russell, Elmer, Terry; and sister, Eleanor. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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An Associated Press survey found that 41 percent of pet owners are extremely or somewhat worried they could not afford the medical bills if their pets became ill. According to the American Pet Products Association, pet owners spend between $220 and $250 per year on average on routine well vet visits for their cats and dogs. But unforeseen surgeries and emergencies can set pet owners back several thousand dollars.

Some emergencies are far more costly than others. Veterinary Pet Insurance says the average cost for a vet to extract a dog’s tooth is $829. But repairing torn cartilage can cost nearly $2,700.

Individuals with elderly pets or breeds prone to genetic disorders may be wise to now shop around and find the best options for their needs.

Pet insurance is an option for pet owners who want to provide for their companion animals. Such insurance can be a sound financial decision that gives pet owners peace of mind.

Here are some reasons why pet insurance can be a worthwhile investment:

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- Pet insurance allows pet owners to make decisions based on the best interest of the pet and not on their financial situations.
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Pet insurance is a relatively new, but growing industry. Veterinary Pet Insurance issued their first policy in 1982. Consumers can now shop around and find the best options for their needs.

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LOCAL LIVING

DVD RELEASES

DUNKIRK

Acclaimed auteur Christopher Nolan directs this World War II thriller about the evacuation of Allied troops from the French city of Dunkirk before Nazi forces can take hold. Tom Hardy, Kenneth Branagh and Mark Rylance co-star, with longtime Nolan collaborator Hans Zimmer providing the score.

PG-13, 1 hr. 47 min.
Action & Adventure, Drama

STRONGER

Stronger is the inspirational and heroic true-life story of Jeff Bauman (Jake Gyllenhaal), the man whose iconic photo from the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing captured the hearts of the world. Based on Bauman’s New York Times bestselling book, co-authored with Bret Witter.

R, 1 hr. 59 min.
Drama

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BACON WRAPPED MEATLOAF

Not everyone likes meatloaf. I get that. Not everyone has a great meatloaf recipe. I get that too. I had an “OK” recipe. My friend told me of the best meatloaf he had ever had. It involved bacon. So, I searched the “inter-webs” in search of a load of meat wrapped in BACON. I found a great recipe, and trust me - it is the real deal. My house smelled so crazy amazing when I cooked this last night... Throw out the old recipe, give this one a try! — Trish

FOR THE GLAZE:
• 1/4 c. ketchup
• 2 tbsp. brown sugar
• 2 tsp. vinegar

FOR THE MEATLOAF:
• 2 tsp. vegetable oil
• 1 medium onion, chopped
• 1 clove garlic, minced
• 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
• 2 tsp. Dijon mustard
• 1/2 tsp. black pepper
• 1 tsp. salt
• 1 tsp. basil
• 1 tsp. salt
• 1/2 tsp. black pepper
• 2 tsp. Dijon mustard
• 2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
• 1/2 tsp. sriracha sauce
• 1/2 cup plain Greek yogurt
• 1 lb. ground chuck
• 1 lb. ground pork
• 2/3 c. crushed crackers
• 1 tsp. dried parsley
• 8 slices sliced bacon

DIRECTIONS
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Heat oil in medium skillet. Add onion and garlic, saute until soft, about 5 minutes. Set aside to cool. In a small bowl, combine eggs, basil, salt, pepper, mustard, Worcestershire, sriracha, parsley and yogurt. In a large bowl, combine beef & pork. Add egg mixture and mix with a large fork until evenly blended and meat no longer sticks to the bowl. Turn meat onto clean work surface. With wet hands, pat the mixture into a loaf, about 9 inches by 5 inches. Cover a wire rack with foil, put the rack on a shallow roasting pan lined with foil. Set the formed loaf on the rack and brush it with all of the glaze. Arrange bacon slices at an angle, slightly overlapping the edges. Tuck long pieces under loaf. Bake until bacon is crisp and the loaf registers 160 degrees, about an hour to an hour and ten minutes. Cool for at least 20 minutes. Slice and serve!
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