

PREDICTIONS FOR 2018

HOUSING



New tax bill will directly impact real estate trends

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According to forbes.com, there will be some changes in housing trends in 2018. Here is what they predict:

The pace of home sales will slow early in the year — but not for long.

Several provisions in the tax bill signed into law by President Donald Trump last month will directly impact housing. These include changes to the

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HEALTHCARE



Opioid epidemic will remain unaddressed

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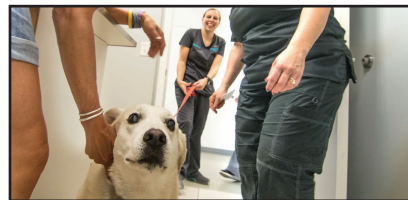
According to modernhealthcare.com, the following is what we can expect this year:

The opioid epidemic will remain unaddressed.

Drug overdose deaths soared to 63,632 in 2016, with two-thirds of those deaths opioid-related. Despite President Donald Trump declaring a national emergency, no money has been earmarked to fight the epidemic.

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JOBS



Here's the 30 best employment opportunities

If you're looking for a job, or a new career, the following 30 jobs have been selected as the best choices for 2018:

30. Fitness trainers and aerobics instructors
29. Occupational therapist assistants
28. Environmental engineering technicians
27. Personal financial advisers
26. Physical therapists
25. Survey researchers

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Positive momentum in U.S. economy continues in 2018 after strong 2017

By Sally Rummel
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No one has a crystal ball to foresee what life will be like in the U.S. in this New Year, but here are a few predictions on the national scene:

Stocks

It will be difficult to top the stock market's performance in 2017, but returns in 2018 should at least be advancing forward, even if not as consistent and lofty as last year, predicts USA Today.

Tax reform will have a positive impact on corporate profitability, according to Sheraz Mian, a research director at Zacks Investment Research. Profits for S&P 500 companies are expected to rise about 11.7 percent in 2018.

Real estate

A continued dynamic of inventory shortages and persistent demand will keep the real estate market in good shape this year,

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Derek Timothy Watson, 61, of Fenton Township sits in 67th District Judge William Crawford's courtroom on Thursday, Jan. 4. His attorney requested a psychological exam to determine whether he is competent to stand trial.

Bond denied for man facing multiple sexual charges involving 12-year-old girl

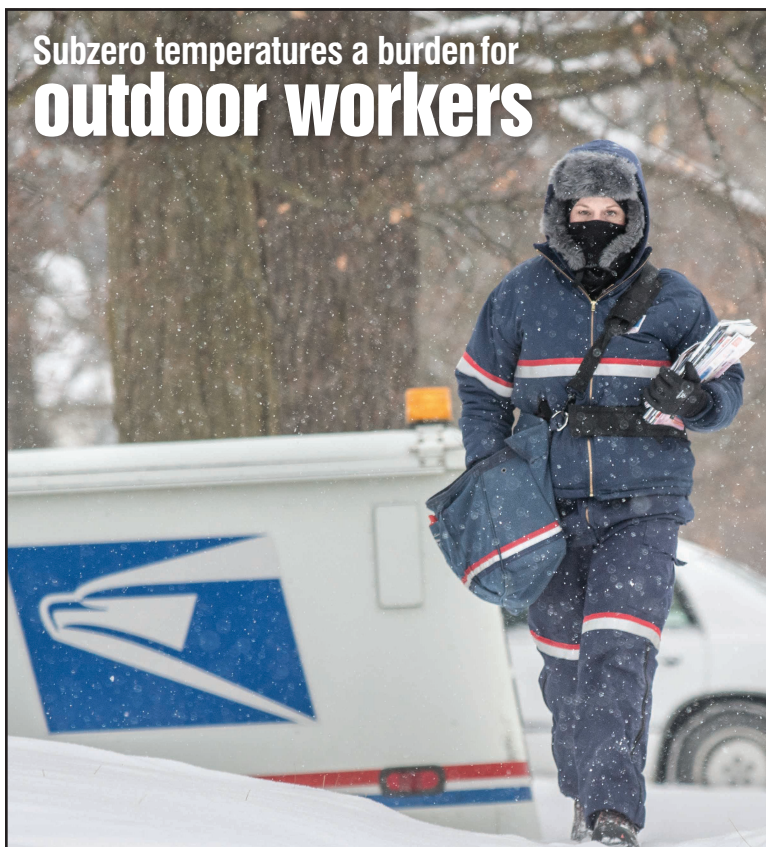
By Tim Jagielo
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Flint — Derek Watson, 61, of Fenton Township was in court Thursday, Jan. 4 for a preliminary hearing. He remains lodged at the Genesee County Jail.

Watson arrived wearing an orange county jail jumpsuit, bound by his hands and feet and

See BOND DENIED on 16A

Subzero temperatures a burden for outdoor workers



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United States Postal Service letter carrier Angie Pyszora makes her way up Second Street in Fenton on Wednesday, Jan. 3. She bundles up with multiple layers when temperatures dip below zero.

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Area man jailed for armed home invasion

■ Parolee charged with breaking into Jennings Road home, fleeing police

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A 44-year-old Argentine Township man was arrested for allegedly breaking into a home in the 13000 block of Jennings Road in Fenton Township on Dec. 27, 2017.

Randal Scott Canavan, on parole since February 2016, was arraigned Dec. 30, 2017 on six counts related to the first-degree home invasion. A cash surety bond of \$100,000 was ordered for these latest charges. He has a probable cause hearing on Jan. 11 at 1 p.m. in District Court Judge David Goggins' courtroom.



Randal Canavan

Genesee County Sheriff's deputies, as well as three other police departments, responded to the home during the afternoon of Dec. 27 in an effort to apprehend the suspect.

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“It's kind of amusing that the warmer climate change we get, it seems to be getting colder to me.”



“It's so cold people are burning Al Gore's global warming books to keep warm.”



“Being old people, my wife and I would like to know where we could get half-size meals at two-thirds the price of a full meal. We no longer can eat whole meals and need to lose weight.”

“A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.”



COMMENT OF THE WEEK

“Now that the Supreme Court has dismissed John Laue's case about our taxes funding Little Caesar's Arena, what I would like to know is when do I start receiving my dividend checks for my investment?”

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AMERICA'S BIG PROBLEM

■ Sugar intake big contributor to obesity — for both children and adults

By Hannah Ball

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Healthline.com calls it “the single worst ingredient in the modern diet.” Doctors call it an epidemic.

America has a sugar problem, and despite increased awareness, Dr. Duane Allyn, who's been in practice at The Children's Office in Fenton for 26 years, said people eat “way too much sugar.”

According to the American Heart Association, the maximum amount of sugar a woman should eat per day is 100 calories of sugar, which is 25 grams or 6 teaspoons. The maximum amount a man should eat is 150 calories of sugar, which is 37.5 grams or 9 teaspoons.

“The American public in general does a lot of fast foods,” Allyn said. “And whether it's that or the processed foods or the amount of fat, we're having major weight issues

in our country.”

He treats many obese kids in his office. It's hard to tell if their weight issues are from genetics or from their environment, Allyn said, and it's different for every kid.

“For kids, we just tell them to get active and make good choices in foods and good volumes, appropriate

volumes for their age. We don't put them on diets,” he said.

Allyn said there is a sugar epidemic and it's partly due to advertising.

“How many times a day do you see things for sweets on TV?” he said, adding that it also depends

on the socioeconomic status of the family. “It may be cheaper to buy foods that aren't as good quality or maybe in some places it's not as available. If they don't have a

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“People like the taste of it and they don't see it as an issue until they get diabetes.”

Dr. Duane Allyn
The Children's Office doctor

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American Heart Association

SUGAR CONTENT

Source: WebMD, the dietdoctor.com

Gatorade	40 GRAMS
Powerade	40 GRAMS
Mott's Apple Sauce	22 GRAMS
Jell-O Instant Vanilla pudding	21 GRAMS
Chocolate Fudge Pop Tart	20 GRAMS
Nutri-Grain Cereal Bar	12 GRAMS
Quaker Instant Oatmeal	12 GRAMS
12-ounce can of Coke	32 GRAMS

SHAKING THE HABIT

■ Sodium is sneaky, hiding in many of your favorite foods — from salad dressing to sauces

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If you're eating a typical American diet, which includes about 70 percent processed foods, then you're eating a high-sodium diet, whether you realize it or not.

You eat a healthy cereal for breakfast, cottage cheese for lunch and a veggie burger for dinner. With added sides of fruits and vegetables, it sounds like a moderately healthy diet, right?

Well, not if you're looking at the sodium content of these foods. A diet like this could actually kill you — an estimated 1.65 million deaths are linked to high sodium consumption each year, according to The New England Journal of Medicine.

How much sodium should you consume in a day?

The American Heart Association recommends no more than 2,300 mg a day and an ideal limit of no more than 1,500 mg per day for most adults, especially those with high blood pressure.

Starting with breakfast, many cereals that are branded “healthy” have high sodium counts, including Post Grape-Nuts, with 270 mg per

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Come *Heller* high water...

There was a 40-vehicle pile-up on U.S. 31 near Muskegon last weekend. Police blamed the usual suspects — speed and stupidity.

“You’ve got to take it slow,” a local police chief said. “When people get on the highway and the speed limit is 70 miles an hour people think they can drive 70.”

Which is a stunning quote considering the freeway was covered with snow and ice, from the photos I’ve seen. Were people really driving 70 in those conditions? If so, holy cow, people, what’s wrong with you?



Andrew Heller
FEATURED COLUMNIST

Afterward, my friend Rick posted online an interesting question about people and winter driving: “Are advancements like all-wheel-drive, anti-lock

brakes and winter tires making us too confident behind the wheel? Are our driving skills degrading? Or am I just wrong about all of this?”

No, he’s not wrong. Modern safety equipment and sheer vehicle size, I think, can be contributing factors to foul weather accidents, oddly enough, because they convince some drivers they’re more in control and invulnerable than they really are.

I call these drivers “Masters of the Universe.” They’re usually (but not always) male. And they almost always drive SUVs and pickup trucks the size of aircraft carriers. Because their vehicles weigh more and usually have all the attributes and gizmos Rick mentioned, Masters of the Universe tend to drive more aggressively than others, especially in cruddy conditions. Woe to you if you get in

their way, for they love to tailgate, love to zoom past you on icy roads, and love to flip you off as they go by because, after all, they are, well, Masters of the Universe and you, frankly, are not.

The odd thing is, I’ve never met a Master of the Universe who thinks he’s a Master of the Universe. They think their behavior is normal and it’s everyone else who’s the problem. It doesn’t seem to occur to them that other people might be intentionally driving more slowly in crappy conditions because they’re not piloting aircraft carriers with 4-wheel drive and snow tires. Or they might be driving, as my daughter does, a 20-year Honda Accord that isn’t all that great in the snow.

It also doesn’t seem to occur to them that other drivers might not be as wonderfully gifted as they are behind the wheel. They might be young, for instance, and be a little nervous driving in the snow. They might be older. Or have disabilities. Or maybe they’re not feeling well. Or maybe they’re on the way back from a funeral and not quite driving with a spring in their step, so to speak. Or bringing a baby home for the first time.

Masters don’t seem to care. To them, the rest of us are obstacles, not human beings. Getting to where they’re going a few seconds faster matters more to them than anything else, including you or me.

Masters of the Universe aren’t the only ones, of course. Most of us drive like them on occasion. We all have a little Master in us, me included. But the older I get, the more conscious I am of how fragile life is. So I’m trying to do a better job of remembering there are people — living, breathing human beings

— in every one of those tin cans out on the road.

And every one of those people mean the world to someone somewhere.

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REMEMBER THE TEA Party? Now that Republicans want to add \$1.5 trillion to the national debt, where are they? Why aren’t they in the streets protesting?

DANG IT, LIBERALS. It is freezing cold outside. So is this when you do what you have done in the past and change your agenda from calling it global warming to climate change? Because as a free-thinking conservative, I have not been privy to getting your monthly memo on what to call it.

IT HAS BEEN reported in an online story that the U.S. taxpayers spent about \$43 million for President Trump to play golf in 2017. Makes me feel very sad to hear this.

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I DON’T KNOW how many times Trump has golfed this year, but I do know that we have not paid for his golfing and he has not taken a dime in salary. However, President Obama spent \$5 million on golf

with Tiger Woods for one day and we spent almost \$100 million for vacations for him and his family

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TIME AND TIME again, after a U.S. offensive, ISIS has retreated, hidden and disappeared into their countryside and just wait until they regroup and attack. They should identify every member and obliterate their forces entirely.

WHY IS IT Steve Bannon and the White House press secretary and almost everyone else on their committee look like they should be villains on a James Bond movie. Way to pick them, Donald.

WHEN I DRAG out of this factory tonight and I get home, my door will open, my wife will be there with warm kisses and a hot meal on the table. Yes, we have a traditional family. If that bothers you, I’m very sorry.

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Do you think that you eat a healthy amount of salt and sugar? | streettalk



“I really try to regulate salt, but I tend to eat a bit too much sugar.”

Bethany Hammond
Tyrone Township



“I think so, it seems about right.”

Ray Stokes
Linden



“No, I like salt. I don’t like sugar, but I like salt.”

Kim McCreedy
Fenton Township



“Yes, because I watch my salt and sugar consumption and processed foods.”

John Brancheau
Fenton Township



“Probably not, I like sugar.”

Megan Armstrong
Linden

Guests' viewpoint

School Board Recognition Month

January is School Board Recognition Month, a time to recognize the work of our volunteer school board members and to celebrate public education.

School board members in Linden Community Schools, Fenton Area Public Schools, and Lake Fenton Community Schools develop policies and make tough decisions that help shape the future of our education system. They bear responsibility for the annual budget and the welfare of our students, employees, and school buildings. They are citizens whose dedication and decisions affect our children and build our communities.

Showing appreciation for the important work of school boards should be a year-round process, but too often we neglect to recognize the dedication and hard work of these men and women. This January, the staff and students of our districts are asking all members of the community to take school board member.

Each school will be presenting the board with tokens of appreciation during scheduled board meetings.

• **Fenton Area Public Schools:** Jan. 8, at FAPS Board Office starting at 6 p.m.

• **Lake Fenton Community Schools:** Jan. 8, at the Alberta B. Martin Board Room and on Jan. 22, at West Shore Elementary Media Center.

• **Linden Community Schools:** Jan. 17, at Linden High School starting at 7 p.m.

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Police want more mental health support

■ Many police officers suffer from cumulative post-traumatic stress disorder

By Hannah Ball

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Creating mental health training for law enforcement is widely supported by Michigan's men and women in blue.

Holly Police Chief Michael Story said, "of course" he believes officers should have more mental health support.

"It has been a nagging issue in this profession. There are many pressures on officers that are not remotely positive and outlets should be available," he said.

Many police officers suffer from cumulative post-traumatic stress disorder because they are exposed to numerous stressors consistently. These stressors include seeing crime scenes or the aftermath of a deadly car accident, talking to victims of criminal sexual conduct, dealing with emotionally heavy cases and much more, according to policeone.com. A recent survey shows that law enforcement supports getting more help for struggling officers.

Story was one of the police chiefs chosen to take a survey given by state agencies about law enforcement and mental health. According to a press release by Lt. Gov. Brian Calley's office, the survey was conducted by the Michigan Mental Health Diversion Council and given to officials with the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, Michigan Sheriffs Association and the Michigan State Police.

Story described the survey as "in depth." The results of the survey show that mental health training for law enforcement is lacking in the state. One-third of agencies said they had not had mental health or crisis intervention training. Approximately 66 percent of participants said that mental health training is important, and nearly 100 percent said they would support training for their agency if it were provided by the state at no cost to the department. About 56 percent said they would prefer online training.

Story supports more mental health training and crisis intervention training for officers. "Any worthwhile training

is an asset to officers," he said.

In the survey, 98 percent said they would support mandated training in police academies and 82 percent would support mandated training for certified officers.

Calley, who chaired the survey, said,

"Mental health and crisis training gives officers the ability to recognize mental illnesses and diffuse situations that could become extremely dangerous. We've had success in providing this training to law enforcement in

recent years and I'm pleased there is support to expand this potentially life-saving training across the state."

“There are many pressures on officers that are not remotely positive and outlets should be available.”

Michael Story
Holly police chief



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FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM FREEZES, SPEWS STEAM IN APARTMENT BUILDING

The Fenton Fire Department responded to a 7 p.m. fire alarm in the 3500 building of Silver Lake Hills Apartments near Silver Lake Road and Silver Parkway on Wednesday, Jan. 3. Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff said when units arrived, they initially thought it was smoke but it turned out to be steam, which filled the second and third floor areas. Firefighters found a broken fire sprinkler line on the third floor. Water ran through the building and down to the first floor. Firefighters shut the system down and salvaged operations trying to minimize any water damage. The break was due to the freezing temperatures on a third-floor balcony. The water affected four apartments and those residents have been relocated while cleanup and repairs are conducted by management.

GARBAGE DUMPSTER LIT ON FIRE

On Monday, Dec. 18, 2017, deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to the 14000 block of North Fenton Road in Fenton Township for a malicious destruction of property complaint. A suspect(s) lit a garbage dumpster on fire. The incident remains under investigation.

AT-LARGE DOGS SCARE TEEN

On Dec. 18, 2017, Genesee County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to the 13000 block of South Horrell Road for an animal at large complaint. Two large dogs were off their leashes and ran into a street, scaring a 15-year-old boy and his dog. The incident remains under investigation.

SUSPECT FILES FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Genesee County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the 3000 block of Horrell Court in Fenton Township on

Dec. 18, 2017 for a fraud complaint. An unknown suspect attempted to apply for unemployment benefits under another person's name. The incident remains under investigation.

ITEMS STOLEN FROM CAR

On Dec. 20, 2017, Genesee County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the 3000 block of Thompson Road in Fenton Township for a larceny from an auto complaint. The victim reported that several items were stolen from her vehicle, including a black purse, wallet, Mac Pro, college books and a black backpack. The theft remains under investigation.

SHOTS FIRED INTO FENTON TOWNSHIP HOME

On Friday, Dec. 22, 2017, deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to the 2000 block of North Long Lake in Fenton Township for a "shots fired" call. Deputies arrived on scene and found a hole in the side of the house and a bullet inside the home. Deputies checked the area and spoke to a resident who stated he heard about three rounds fired off. It appears this is an isolated incident at this time.

ATTEMPTED BREAK-IN

On Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2017, deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office responded to the 5000 block of Lahring Road in Fenton Township for an alarm. Deputies arrived and found a rear door smashed. It appears the suspect did not make entry into the home due to an alarm. The incident is currently under investigation.

DOMESTIC ASSAULT ON ROLSTON ROAD

On Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017, Genesee County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to 3000 block of Rolston Road in Fenton Township for a domestic assault. A male suspect was arrested and lodged at the Genesee County Jail. A female victim was transported to Genesys Health Park for injuries and released. This incident is currently under investigation.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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TO THE PERSON complaining about the Secret Service the president has with him at his properties. Do you really think they have to pay for their rooms? Grow up. By the way, Obama, before he left office, changed having Secret Service for a past president from 10 years to lifetime. What is that going to cost us? Answer that one.

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WOW FENTON, 57 active liquor licenses? Seems to me like you're trying to put the small liquor store out of business. I know one owner that counts on his business to send his son to medical school. It's sad.

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I WAS PROUD to see my past text about Muhammad Ali on the front page of the Tri-County. After reading the front page hotline of Jan. 3 paper about the goal of Democrats, I didn't feel pride in my local newspaper.

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SO, THE DEMOCRATS are against a \$1.5-trillion loan, the majority of which lines the pockets of billionaires. They certainly weren't against the trillion dollar stimulus package that lines the pockets of unions and the Democrat donors. And while we're at it, where was the outrage when President Obama ran the debt up \$10 trillion in eight years? Never heard any complaints then.

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IF THEY SLOW down your iPhone when it gets older, what about your iPad?

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I HEAR PAUL Ryan and a lot of the Republicans, and even the Democrats, calling Medicare an entitlement program.

Holly Township ‘on verge of exploding’

■Development increasing; road and historic projects underway

By Tim Jagielo

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Development and growth will likely continue in Holly Township in 2018.

Supervisor George Kullis said building permits have significantly increased in the township, from 20 a few years ago to more than 150 in the last fiscal year.

They may need to hire a building and zoning administrator again. “I think Holly’s on the verge of exploding as far as development is concerned,” Kullis said. “As the economy comes back, and activity increases, we may have to look into bringing that position back.”

Kullis added that he wants to manage this growth and preserve the “rural flavor” of the township.

There are several specific projects on the township’s docket for the year. Here are few that are in the works.

“We would like to keep the flavor of the township — the rural flavor.”

George Kullis

Holly Township supervisor

Road projects

Road projects are also in the crosshairs of 2018 township progress. Kullis’ office has a \$3 million TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) grant application sent in for North Holly Road work, from the village border to the county line. North Holly Road is the main access road for the Great Lakes National Cemetery, and Genesys Health Park, which Kullis hopes will bolster his case.

This year will also mark the first time in 20 years that gravel roads in the northwest quadrant will receive new gravel. Over a period of three years, gravel roads north of Grange Hall Road and west of North Holly Road will receive 3 to 4 inches of gravel, allowing for better drainage. The project will cost \$250,000 overall, and will be split between the township general fund, Oakland County, and road commission funds.

Efficiency and consolidation

Kullis said shared services with the village would be explored in this year. Possible shared groups include the Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation.

The township is in the early stages of exploring relocating the township offices.

Holly Heritage Farmstead

The Holly Heritage Farmstead barn renovation is underway. The new foundation will be poured as soon as the deep freeze lets off. Kullis would like to see a master plan for the Holly Heritage Farmstead completed by May. The master plan would spell out the overall purpose for the site going forward. “It would also give details on the process for development,” said Kullis.

Invasive species management

The Township Board appropriated \$3,000 to map the township in order to make a plan to mitigate the growth of phragmites, large perennial grasses that have replaced cattails in some areas and can be a severe fire hazard.



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Jennifer Bentley

Linden Community Schools

7205 W. Silver Lake Road

Linden, Michigan 48451

(810) 591-0986

► Notification of acceptance will be given no later than January 26, 2018.

► If accepted, student must be enrolled no later than February 2, 2018.

HOUSING

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mortgage interest deduction and to property tax deductions. Other changes will impact how much money people have, requiring decisions on how to spend it. Experts anticipate households will take some time to do the math on how the tax plan impacts them and the value of their home before making any big moves. Nevertheless, underlying demand should remain strong after the best year for wage growth since the recession. Pent up demand from renters who have been unable to find suitable homes to buy also means the lid won't stay on for long.

Inventory will continue to be a drag.

A crippling lack of inventory remained the defining trait of the housing market in 2017. At the start experts believed the crunch that characterized 2016 would bottom out; instead it grew worse. According to Zillow, housing inventory declined 10.5 percent in the 12 months ending in November.

Looking to 2018, the general consensus is that inventory will pick up slightly. The biggest reason for this modest optimism is that the current situation is unsustainable. Prices cannot rise faster than wages forever. Plus, life events will eventually force reluctant sellers off the sidelines.



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Fenton Lakes Building & Design owner Scott Tarkleson designed and built this house in Fenton Township to satisfy the client's request for a clean, industrial look with a concrete and steel exterior.

Price growth will slow — but not stop.

National home prices have climbed for 23 consecutive months. From January through October 2017, the Case-Shiller U.S. National Home Price Index increased 5.92 percent, on track for the biggest gains since 2013 when the market was finally recovering from the bust. Experts say prices will continue their march higher in 2018, but the rate of increases will slow.

The rent versus buy equation could tilt toward renting in costly markets.

Because of the new tax law, it just got more expensive to own a home in high tax and high price places. For some people, the

changes, combined with rising prices, may mean renting makes more financial sense than buying. Nevertheless, high rents and student debt loads have also made it difficult for young households to save up a down payment even if they can afford the monthly mortgage. Moreover, with prices rising so fast even a small increase in mortgage rates can put people over the edge on affordability.

Mortgage rates will hover around 4 percent.

In December, the Federal Reserve bumped short-term interest rates 25 basis points to between 1.25 and 1.50 percent. Historically, movement from the Fed has

had a corresponding effect on mortgage rates, but three hikes in 2017 and two in 2016 only moved the cost of a home loan slightly higher, casting doubt on just how much of a difference the three hikes Fed policy makers have projected for 2018 will have on housing.

Experts tend to agree mortgage rates will finish the year between 4 and 4.5 percent. That's a touch higher than the rates for most of 2017 but still historically low.

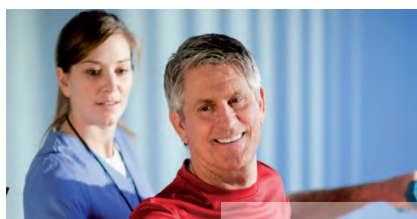
Millennial demand for housing will keep climbing.

After a decade of decline, the homeownership rate finally ticked up in 2017. By the third quarter, 63.9 percent of households were occupied by owners, up from a low of 62.9 percent in the second quarter of 2016. The year 2017 will be remembered as "the year the bleeding stopped and the healing started."

As millennials age, this trend is expected to continue. The generation of adults born after 1980 were slow to enter the housing market, but as a growing share of them get married and have kids they are buying homes at rates equal to their parents. In fact, single millennials are more likely to own a home than prior generations of singles.

Source: forbes.com

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although forecasters are predicting prices will rise more slowly in 2018. The National Association of Realtors forecasts a 4.9 percent appreciation of home values this year, compared to a 20-city average across the U.S. of 6.4 percent, according to MSN.com.

Borrowing costs remain extremely low, based on historic mortgage levels. Builders also remain optimistic about 2018, although lumber prices are up by about 22 percent, following major hurricanes in Texas and Florida in 2017.

Tax reform

The jury is still out on how the new tax reform bill is going to affect most Americans. It should make the annual ritual of filing federal income tax returns easier for a lot of people. This will start in earnest with 2018 returns filed early in 2019, though many people are already starting to plan ahead, as paycheck withholding rates will adjust early next year.

The new plan eliminates many personal tax deductions, including those for state and local income taxes, but keeps deductions for mortgage interest and charitable contributions. The plan also eliminates the alternative minimum tax, or AMT, and the estate tax.

Gas prices

The price of a gallon of self-serve regular gas will average \$2.57 nationally in 2018, according to a Gasbuddy.com forecast provided to USA Today. This would mark an 18-percent jump from 2017's average of \$2.39 and a 45-cent jump from 2016's decade low of \$2.12. But it's still far below 2012's record of \$3.60.

Grocery prices

Many grocery prices have been down lately, including beef, eggs and dairy products. But the Consumer Price Index estimates that grocery prices will rise between 1 and 2 percent. Some products, including poultry, could spike higher because of supply issues. Other grocery prices may actually come down, because of Amazon's acquisition of Whole Foods, which may result in cuts in the competitive organic foods marketplace.

Travel

Airfare prices are expected to rise 3.5 percent and hotel prices 3.7 percent in 2018, raising the average vacation cost for a family of four by about \$150. Watch for price hikes by the National Park Service and the tradition of annual price hikes at Disney, Universal Studios Hollywood and other theme parks.

Sources: USA Today, MSN.com, Dealnews.com, TIME magazine

HEALTHCARE

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Looming budget deficits from the new tax law mean little or nothing will be done about it in 2018.

Life expectancy will fall for the third straight year.

The average life-span fell to 78.6 years in 2016, down from 78.9 two years earlier. While opioid abuse and obesity get most of the blame, income and status inequality are also major factors. The new tax law will heighten income and status inequality.

Medicare funding will get hit with new cuts.

In the wake of the new tax law, the Balanced Budget Act will trigger “pay-go” rules, which will lead to a major political battle over the shape of seniors’ healthcare. Trump will not stick to his campaign promise to leave Medicare alone. He will side with the most conservative elements of the party and back new cuts.

The ranks of the uninsured will grow.

It won’t show up immediately, given the strong performance by the Affordable Care Act insurance exchanges during this year’s shortened sign-up period. But elimination of the individual mandate will lead to sharply higher individual rates for 2019, even if cost-sharing subsidies are renewed, and a rise in the nation’s uninsured rate.

Hospital layoffs and closings will dominate the news in many parts of the country.

Job growth in the sector slowed dramatically in 2017, especially during the second half of the year. The outlook for 2018 is bleak. Admissions and lengths of stay continue to fall as more care moves to outpatient settings. Pressure to keep price increases low remains strong. Margins are narrowing.

Drug price sticker shock will pummel payers, providers and patients.

Every new advance in personalized medicine will have the unwanted side effect of six-figure and even seven-figure price tags. The drug industry will point to moderate growth in overall drug spending and justify prices using the life-preserving value of each new product. Imagine what seat belts and air bags would cost if the auto industry insisted on similar financial rewards for the deaths prevented by those safety features.

The November midterm elections will result in Democrats regaining control of the House of Representatives.

While that will put an end to legislative assaults on the Affordable Care Act, reversing the damage already done will be impossible as long as Trump sits in the White House.

Source: Modernhealthcare.com

Local leaders say roads are top priority in 2018

Funding solutions to be considered for critical repairs

By Vera Hogan

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We’ve flipped the calendar and it is a new year. What hasn’t changed, however, is the need for road improvements throughout the tri-county area. The managers of Fenton, Holly and Linden all agree that tackling the problem of local roads in poor condition remains a priority this year.

Fenton City

Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland said, “One of the major issues that we need to resolve this year is a solution to pay for local road improvements. The gas tax reform by the legislature last year is inadequate to fund the needed improvements,” he said. “While appearing to resolve the road funding issue, the state legislature only provided a partial solution. The first few years of the new taxes (Act. 51) will go to fund previous MDOT debt that was created many years ago.

“We will not receive any substantial amount of funds until 2019 and then only an estimated \$321,954.15,” Markland said.

The road study presented to the Fenton City Council in April of 2017, identified a need for approximately \$2 million per year.

“The state funding leaves quite a gap of funding,” Markland said. “Without a solution, our roads and infrastructure will continue to get worse.” (See sidebar)

Markland said additional major goals the city plans to accomplish in 2018 are the completion of the Caroline Street extension, a pedestrian connector between Shiawassee and Elizabeth Street and “hopefully” a parking lot for the library.

Holly Village

“Like Fenton, street repair and rebuilding is our number one issue,” said Holly Village Manager Jerry Walker. During mid-summer 2017, Rowe Professional Services, which provides Holly’s engineering services, conducted a PACER rating of local streets to assess the condition and rank them accordingly. This rating also included an overall cost estimate for work to be done.

“In the report to council, they estimated repair costs to be \$15 million if all the streets were done at one time,” Walker said. “While repair of all at one time is not feasible it also is not feasible to just throw a couple hundred thousand each year at the problem because not only would we not get the work done, our roads would actually continue to diminish which would lead to a larger cost to repair.

“So, during this next year, council will be considering different options to fund the needed street repairs,” Walker said.

A study session was held on Saturday, Jan. 6 to address the issue of roads in the village of Holly.

“Associated with street repair issues is that of water and sewer main infrastructure that lies beneath the streets,” Walker said. “We have infrastructure that is approaching 50 years old which should be replaced at the same time total street rebuilds are done and those additional costs must also be considered,” Walker said.

Employee staffing is another area village management hopes to address this year.

“Over the past several years, the village

has cut staff due to budget demands and decreased funding, although workloads and expectations have not gone down,” Walker said. “As we examine the budgets we will be evaluating staffing needs in order to continue to deliver top quality service to our residents and businesses. We are very fortunate to experience the type of economic growth we are in our commercial districts but with that comes an increased demand for service.”

Although he admits it’s a good problem to have, it’s still a problem, Walker said. And that is parking in the commercial districts, especially downtown.

“DDA Director Katy Hughes, Police Chief Mike Story and the DPW director have been tasked with studying the issue and developing proposals to address the issue,” Walker said. “This is not an easy task as there is only so much to work with in the way of solutions.

Linden City

“Our goals for the year include working on the short and long-term plan for funding and maintaining our local and major roads in the community,” said City Manager Paul Zelenak.

He, too, said that state funding is not enough to make the necessary repairs on the road system.

“We will also continue with our plan for updating and repairing our mill building,” Zelenak said. “This has already begun with making safety repairs as outlined in our architectural report. After those items, we will work on the aesthetics, including the painting of the mill.”



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There is only one way the roads in the city of Fenton are going to get fixed — if voters pass a citywide millage.

Failed 2017 Fenton charter proposal

Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland has often said, “There is only one way the roads in the city of Fenton are going to get fixed — if voters pass a citywide millage.”

That plan fell by the wayside, at least temporarily, after voters failed to approve a proposal in November 2017. The proposal asked voters to amend the charter, allowing for the collection of millage taxes for up to 10 years instead of the three as it is stated in the charter.

The passage of this proposal was intended to be a precursor to a road repair millage in May of this year, where voters would have been asked to support a suggested 6-mill millage.

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Layer up!

■ Subzero temperatures a burden for outdoor workers

By Tim Jagielo
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Fenton — On Wednesday, Jan. 3, USPS letter carrier Angie Pyszora was walking her foot route in Fenton through the gently falling snow.

It was warmer on Wednesday — temperatures were sometimes above 10 degrees. “It’s brutal,” she said. “I’m kind of used to it.”

The 20-year postal service veteran is prepared by wearing multiple layers every day. The first week of January presented lows in the negative temperatures, with highs still below 10 degrees.

The postal service isn’t the only entity dealing with this dangerously cold weather. Several local businesses and municipal services have employees who have to wear several layers to keep warm in the cold.

Dan Czarnecki, Fenton Department of Public Works (DPW) director said, “The DPW workers are experienced to know how to tackle cold weather and have the proper equipment for working outside. Prior to winter, everyone reviews their personal protective equipment and they make sure they are prepared.”

Czarnecki said the DPW crews start out every day reviewing the workload and conditions. Weather conditions also are discussed. Their eight-hour days are divided between

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Dan Czarnecki
Fenton Department of Public Works director



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Construction on the north wall of The Horizon Building in Fenton continues through the winter. On Wednesday, Jan. 3, these laborers, working three stories up, are bundled against the cold.

working outside, riding in a truck and working around the grounds.

The USPS has a similar approach to the DPW. Dressing for the cold weather, frostbite, winter walking, and winter driving are all discussed with employees, according to spokesperson Elizabeth Najdich.

While adult workers used to the outdoors are prepared as a matter of course, what about children at schools?

At Holly Area Schools (HAS) principals determine whether outdoor recess is permitted based on the “real feel” weather report from TV news. Holly Elementary School Principal Ryan



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When the “real feel” temperature is less than 10 degrees, Holly Elementary students have their recess indoors instead of outside. These first-graders have access to a variety of indoor activities, such as playing with Legos in a classroom (above) or dancing or doing yoga (right) on Thursday, Jan. 4.



WHAT YOU MISSED in the MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following are stories you may have missed in the **Wednesday, Jan. 3, Midweek Times**. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

Team of liquor bandits hit area stores

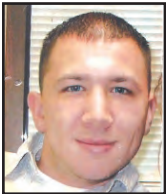
Fenton police are investigating a rash of thefts at local liquor stores. Police say one person distracts the clerk while others load their pockets.

Slow down!

Drivers are going too fast for icy conditions, especially on U.S. 23, and not paying attention to what’s ahead of them.

Area man killed in snowmobile accident

John Clay Cook IV, 32, of Gaines Township died early Dec. 31, 2017 from injuries he sustained in a snowmobiling accident at 11:30 p.m. on Dec. 30, 2017.



Liquor license violations 2017

Six of 87 licensees in the Fenton, Holly and Linden area are cited by the state of Michigan for violations.

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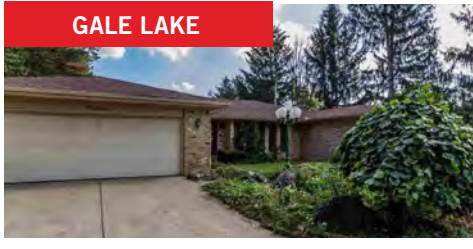
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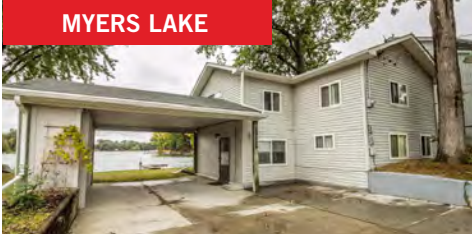


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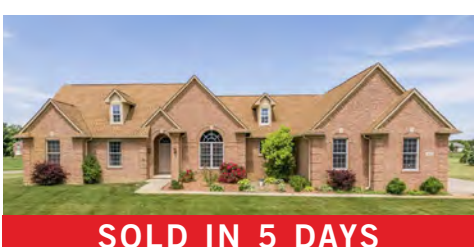
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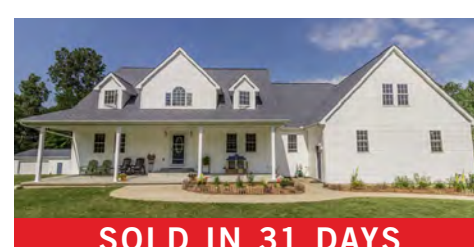
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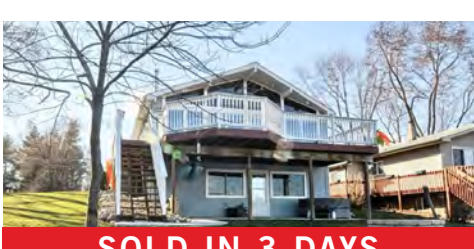
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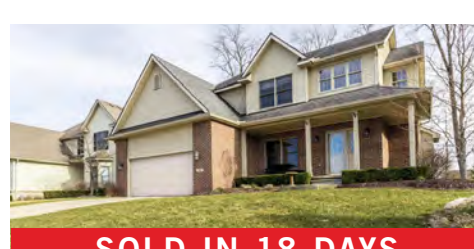
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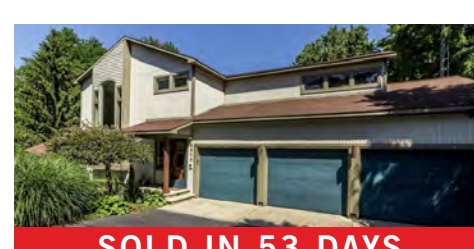
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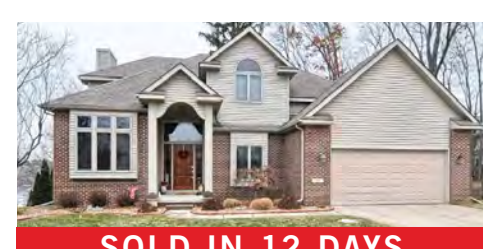
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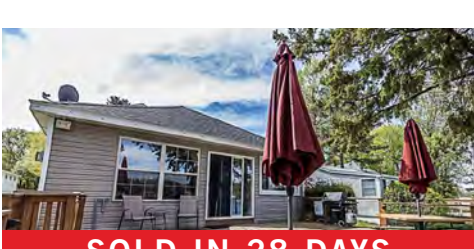
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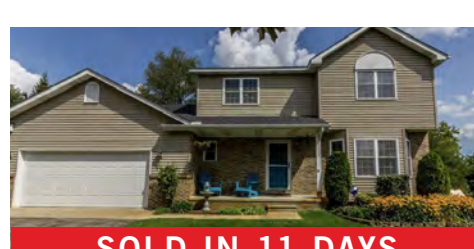
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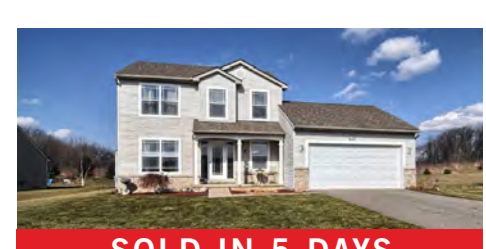
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It's National Dress Up Your Pet Day

■Email or Facebook your photo to the Tri-County Times by Jan. 14

By Hannah Ball

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Clothes are not just for humans.

The ever-growing trend of putting clothes on pets dates back to the early 1900s, when nobility and the upper class often dressed their dogs in human costumes. In April 2011, there was a fashion show for dogs in New York called Last Bark at Bryant Park, where dogs strutted down the runway, according to The Huffington Post.

It's now a national holiday. National Dress Up Your Pet Day is Jan. 14.

The Times cherishes animals of all shapes and sizes, and is celebrating the holiday by hosting a contest. We're asking our readers to send in a photo of

their pet dressed up. All animals are accepted. They can be adorned in Christmas sweaters, business suits, hats, dinosaur costumes or any kind of clothes.

Photos can be sent in by email at news@tctimes.com, Facebook message, or by posting it to the Times' Facebook post on Sunday, Jan. 14. Please include the animal's name and age. The Times staff will pick one winner to be featured in the Wednesday, Jan. 17 edition. Honorable mentions will also be included.

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Fenton Area Public Schools will be accepting applications for the second semester which begins January 29, 2018.

Applications will be accepted January 11, 2018 through January 25, 2018 for enrollment no later than February 1, 2018.

Openings for non-resident students are available at all grade levels and buildings.

A release from the student's resident district is **not** required. There are no tuition fees to enroll in Fenton Area Public Schools; however, transportation to and from school is the responsibility of the student's family.

Applications available by contacting the Fenton Area Public Schools at **810-591-4708** or on the district's website: **www.fentonschools.org**



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Bariatric surgeon and event speaker, Dr. Farhan, is with a bariatric patient.

Is bariatric surgery right for you?

■The Hurley Bariatric Center will host a seminar in Fenton on Jan. 10

By Sally Rummel

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Have you or a family member ever thought about having bariatric (weight loss) surgery?

If so, you can find out all you need to know at a Bariatric Surgery Seminar at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center on Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 6 p.m.

This free event is sponsored through the Hurley (Medical Center) Healthy Living Series.

The Hurley Bariatric Center in Flint is a nationally accredited comprehensive metabolic and bariatric program, having performed more than 5,000 procedures, including the RNY Gastric Bypass, Sleeve Gastrectomy and Adjustable Gastric Band.

"We will tell you all about these three procedures, the pros and cons," said Linda Krueger, clinical coordinator for the Hurley Bariatric Center. "It's quite comprehensive."

The seminar strives to answer the question, "Is bariatric surgery for you?" featuring a panel that consists of the program coordinator, a surgeon, nurse, dietician and an insurance specialist.

"It's a venue we create for people

who want to know more about having this surgery," Krueger said. "We will cover all the expectations about who is a candidate for the surgery, how you prepare, whether your insurance will cover the cost, etc."

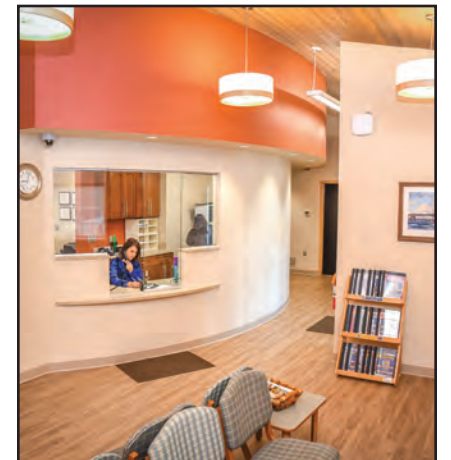
Attendance at a seminar (or online seminar) is an insurance requirement for people who decide to have the surgery, Krueger added.

To register for the seminar, call (810) 262-4855 up to the day of the event. Walk-ins are also welcome. "An educated patient tends to be more successful

with their results," Krueger said.

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Linda Krueger
The Hurley Bariatric Center
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This photo shows the waiting area of the new bariatric center located off Hill Road.

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BOND DENIED

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led in by a Genesee County Sheriff's deputy.

Judge William Crawford presided over the preliminary hearing in Genesee County 67th District Court.

Watson's attorney, Donald Shaw, requested that the judge order a competency exam for his client. "I was informed my client has been under psychiatric treatment for several years, that he currently is prescribed psychiatric-based medication," he said.

Shaw thought it made sense to request a competency exam along with an insanity examination.

In light of the evidence and the crime, Crawford agreed and ordered that Watson attend a psychological examination at the Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Saline.

The results are scheduled to be reviewed on March 18.

Shaw also requested that Watson be released on bail, to live with family in Fenton.

Assistant prosecuting attorney Mark Zelley informed the judge that there are people in Linden who would be fearful of his release.

Crawford denied bond for Watson, who remains lodged in the Genesee County Jail.

Zelley said there is also outstanding discovery that may lead to additional charges.

Background

Derek Timothy Watson was arraigned last month on multiple charges, including being in possession of child sexually abusive material, criminal sexual conduct with an individual under 13 years of age and being a felon in possession of a firearm. The charges, according to the Genesee County 67th District Court, date back to an alleged offense on Jan. 1, 2013.

- **Count one** — child sexually abusive activity
- **Count two** — possession of child sexually abusive material
- **Counts three, four and five** — first-degree criminal sexual conduct involving a person under 13 years of age

- **Count six** — felon in possession of a firearm
- **Count seven** — felon in possession of ammunition

According to the Genesee County Sheriff's Office, a 15-year-old female came forward with allegations against Watson, allegations that allegedly took place when she was 12 years old. Watson was brought in to authorities to make a statement and subsequently a seven-count warrant was issued for his arrest.

The sheriff's office executed a search warrant at his Hogan Road home in Fenton Township on Dec. 5 and investigators removed several undisclosed items.

Editor Sharon Stone contributed to this report.

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Communities need your volunteer help

■ Service can be on one of many municipal boards and commissions

By Vera Hogan

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If one of your resolutions for the new year is to become more actively involved in your community, you may wish to consider applying for a spot on one of your local municipality's boards and commissions.

Every community in the tri-county area has several boards and commissions, with volunteer members working diligently toward achieving their board or commission's goals and making sure their board's recommendations to the elected body are thoroughly discussed and researched.

In the city of Fenton, for example, there are 11 boards and commissions, including the Beautification Commission, Board of Review, Cemetery Board, Compensation Commission, Downtown Development Authority (DDA), Library Board, Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA), Museum Board, Park Commission, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals.

An explanation of what each board is charged with is outlined on the city of Fenton's website (cityoffenton.org). An application also is on the site, or one can be picked up at Fenton City Hall, 301 S. LeRoy St., Fenton.

Because of the city's continued growth, the busiest and most complicated boards to sit on include the DDA and Planning Commission.

The purpose of the DDA is to improve the downtown district through effective planning and implementation of public improvement projects, and to promote and coordinate activities aimed at improving the business climate within the district.

Recent examples of DDA work include the recently completed Streetscape project in downtown Fenton. Activities aimed at improving the business climate, and the enjoyment of visitors in general includes the rental of sculptures through the downtown area and the promotion of various outdoor activities and festivals.

The DDA consists of eight to 12 members appointed by the mayor, subject to approval by the council. A majority of the members must have an interest in property in the downtown district.

Fenton's Planning Commission, like those in other communities, is charged with reviewing all site plans, and to study



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

A few years ago, Craig Schmidt, chairman of Fenton's Downtown Development Authority, talks about an exciting new use for the old fire hall. Applications are always being accepted for new DDA members, and for other boards.

and recommend on planning and zoning matters.

In Fenton, the mayor chooses appointments for the DDA only. The members of the other boards and commissions review applications that come to them and make a recommendation to the City Council for a vote.

"There are openings on some of our boards and commissions," said Mayor Sue Osborn of Fenton. Regarding the selection process, she said members review all of the applications and usually recommend approval of the application that has been on file the longest.

People don't necessarily have to have a certain set of skills to serve on any board or commission.

"They have the ability to check off more than one box on the application," said Osborn.

In addition to considering the application that has been on file the longest, the members of boards and commissions will choose someone that will be a good fit for the group and who they believe they can get along with well, Osborn said.

In the city of Linden, board and commission members are appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the City Council. Linden boards and commissions include the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Review, Historic Commission, Linden Arts Council, Library Board, Parks and Recreation Commission, DDA, Building Authority and Election Commission.

Applications can be found on Linden's website at lindenmi.us. See your 2018 Source Book, to be delivered with today's edition, for information on contacting your local municipality.

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HOME INVASION

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Shortly after the break-in, the suspect, Canavan, was located, caught and taken into custody outside of a home on Torrey Road, just south of North Long Lake Road. Multiple police units converged on the area to apprehend the suspect.

Canavan was transported to the Genesee County Jail, pending his arraignment. D/Sgt. Curt T. Harrington said Canavan confessed to the home invasion during questioning.

According to district court records, Canavan was charged with first-degree home invasion, possessing weapons/firearms while committing a larceny, weapons/felony firearms, assaulting/resisting police, and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

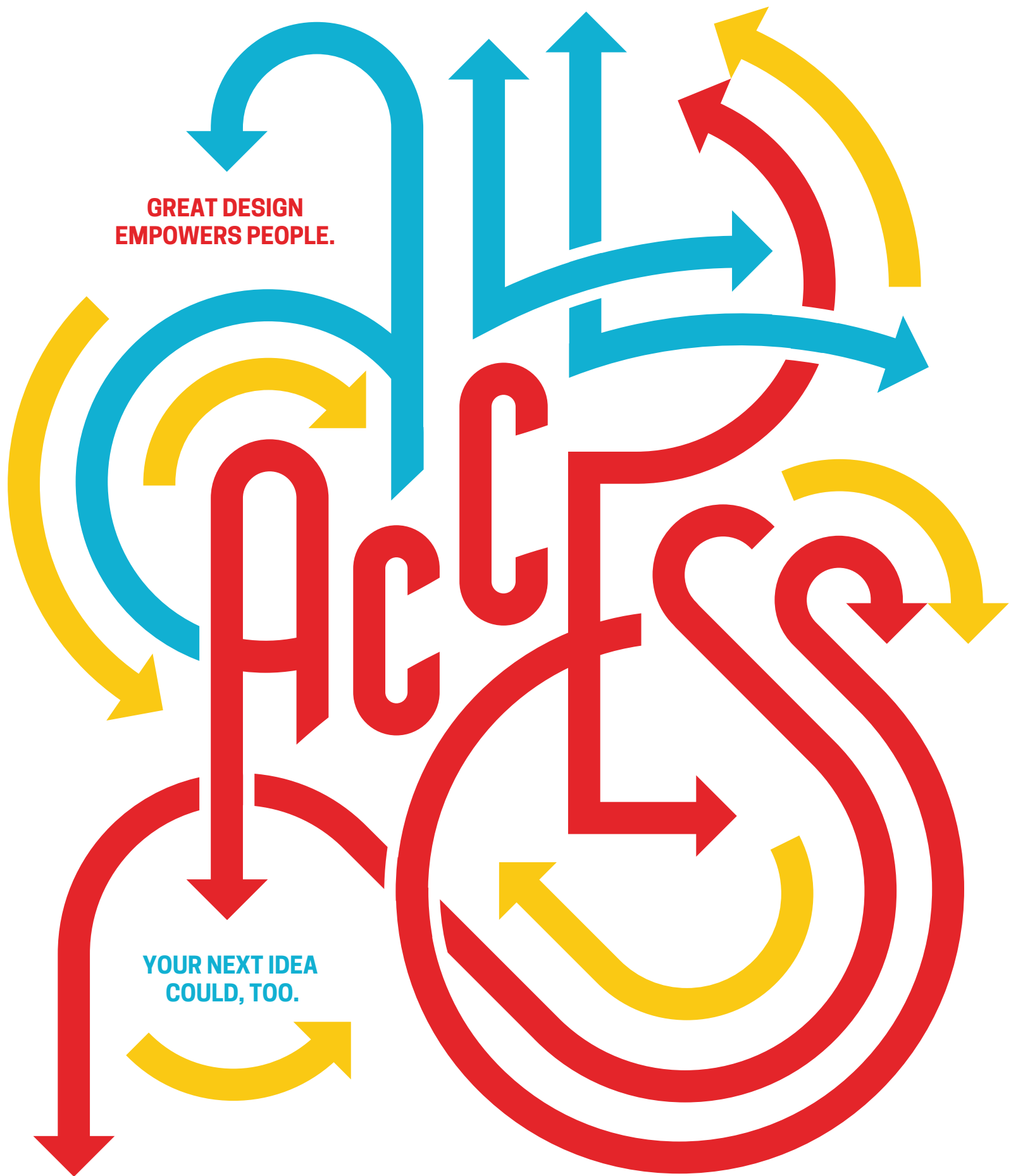


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Canavan has spent time in state prison for home invasion, possession of cocaine and larceny in Washtenaw County, home invasion in Livingston County, and criminal sexual conduct with a victim under the age of 13 in Wayne County.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

HAIL TO THE 'Victor-less!' Michigan let the Big Ten down with the only bowl loss. But it wasn't really fair, South Carolina was the best team in America, the refs were totally against Michigan and the field was damp.

WITH THE NEW tax reform package, 80 percent of Americans will see a tax cut in 2018 and the average cut will be about \$2,200. Lower tax rates means more money for Michigan families, small businesses, and our communities.

I WATCHED THE Rose Bowl parade on ABC. Their coverage was terrible. We missed all the bands and several floats. Will never watch the parade on that channel again.

NANCY PELOSI OR Chuck Schumer vs. Donald Trump, Republicans win again.

SO, TRUMP HAS played golf 87 days and how many of them were with foreign dignitaries that were here and he was talking with them in a more quiet and serene atmosphere? We don't pay for these as they belong to the President, his properties. But with Obama, we paid for all of those outings. Don't believe he took any dignitaries just pros. We paid!

AT LEAST IT is a tax cut. How much did Obama give you?

YOU CALL THAT health care? Just try to use it.

What's considered obese?

This weight and height chart from the National Institute of Health calculates height and weight to determine if someone is obese. An individual is obese if they are this tall and weigh more than this amount.

4 feet, 10 inches	over 143 pounds
4 feet, 11 inches	over 148 pounds
5 feet.....	over 153 pounds
5 feet, 1 inch.....	over 158 pounds
5 feet, 2 inches.....	over 164 pounds
5 feet, 3 inches.....	over 169 pounds
5 feet, 4 inches.....	over 174 pounds
5 feet, 5 inches.....	over 180 pounds
5 feet, 6 inches.....	over 186 pounds
5 feet, 7 inches.....	over 191 pounds
5 feet, 8 inches.....	over 197 pounds
5 feet, 9 inches.....	over 203 pounds
5 feet, 10 inches.....	over 209 pounds
5 feet, 11 inches.....	over 215 pounds
6 feet.....	over 221 pounds
6 feet, 1 inch.....	over 227 pounds
6 feet, 2 inches.....	over 233 pounds
6 feet, 3 inches.....	over 240 pounds
6 feet, 4 inches.....	over 246 pounds

Your body mass index, or BMI, is used as a screening tool to determine if someone is overweight or obese.

You can calculate your BMI at hhlbi.nih.gov or have a doctor do it.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), "At an individual level, BMI can be used as a screening tool but is not diagnostic of the body fatness or the health of an individual. A trained healthcare provider should perform appropriate health assessments in order to evaluate an individual's health status and risks."

Source: CDC, National Institute of Health

SALT

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half cup. That's just for the small serving size suggested on the box, but most people double or triple that amount. Not to mention pancakes from a mix, or bagels, both of which are very high in sodium.

HEALTHY BREAKFAST CHOICES

cereal, oatmeal with fresh fruit

Your cottage cheese lunch is good for your calcium intake and waistline, but still packs at least 400 mg of salt per half cup. A healthier choice would be plain Greek yogurt, with high protein, lots of creaminess and only 70 mg of salt per half cup.

Other high sodium lunches include an innocent turkey sandwich that packs a sodium punch with two slices of bread (260 to 400 mg per slice), deli turkey (1,409 mg for 4 ounces), cheese (245 mg for a slice of provolone) and even a salty dill pickle. If you choose a canned soup, that's one of your saltiest options with 705 mg in a cup of regular tomato soup.

HEALTHY LUNCH CHOICES

peanut butter and strawberry sandwich, grilled chicken and avocado sandwich, salads with low-sodium ingredients

Dinner can offer lower-sodium options, especially if you choose less processed meats and fresh vegetables over casseroles with high-salt ingredients. But the veggie burger mentioned above is full of sodium, about 645 mg in a 4-ounce patty.

If you enjoy spaghetti sauce, the jar variety weighs in at about 1,000 mg per serving, but you can easily make your own sauce with fresh tomatoes, garlic and a lot less salt.

Watch out for fresh chicken, too, because some brands are injected with high-sodium flavored solutions.

And, of course, the above meals don't include any of your obvious high-sodium

SUMMARY

■ Even when you try to eat healthy, sodium sneaks into unlikely foods, mostly processed items you buy every day at the grocery store.

culprits, like pizza, hot dogs, movie popcorn, chips, crackers or the dips and cheese you often include with these snacks.

To lower your sodium intake, read labels carefully and watch for the words "soda" and sodium. Choose more fresh fruits and vegetables and use spices and herbs to add flavor, rather than using your salt shaker.

How salt affects your body

- You feel bloated because you retain excess fluid
- Your blood pressure spikes
- Your stroke risk increases
- You crave even more salty foods
- You put additional strain on your kidneys
- Your cognitive abilities decline
- Your risk of heart disease escalates

Source: *Everydayhealth.com*

CHECK OUT THE NUTRIENT LABELS

- McDonald's Quarter Pounder Deluxe Hamburger has **960 mg** of sodium
- McDonald's Large French Fries have **290 mg** of sodium
- Arby's Chicken Cordon Bleu Crispy Sandwich has **2,000 mg** of sodium
- Arby's Onion Rings have **1,690 mg** of sodium
- Culver's The Original ButterBurger has **470 mg** of sodium
- Wendy's Cheeseburger on kids menu has **700 mg** of sodium

Source: *loseit.com*

Top 10 sources of sodium in our diets

Ten foods account for 44 percent of all the sodium we eat. Broken down, they are:

- Bread and rolls, 7.4 percent
- Cold cuts/cured meats, 5.1 percent
- Pizza, 4.9 percent
- Fresh and processed poultry, 4.5 percent
- Soups, 4.3 percent
- Sandwiches like cheeseburgers, 4 percent
- Cheese, 3.8 percent
- Pasta dishes like spaghetti with meat sauce, 3.3 percent
- Meat dishes like meatloaf with tomato sauce, 3.2 percent
- Snacks, including chips, pretzels, popcorn and puffs, 3.1 percent

Source: *Time magazine*

SUGAR

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grocery store nearby, what are you going to do?"

A simple Google search will yield hundreds of results for why eating too much sugar is bad for you. Eating excess amounts of sugar has been associated with obesity, type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease, cancers, tooth decay, and more according to studies conducted by the Children's Hospital in Boston, the Stanford Prevention Research Center, the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, and more.

Why do people continue to eat so much sugar? Sugar awareness has spread, but Allyn said many people don't care about the health effects because sugar tastes good.

"They don't care about their weight, or at least not enough to make a difference," he said. "People like the taste of it and they don't see it as an issue until they get diabetes. We're seeing a lot of adult-onset diabetes in kids because they are overweight."

Adult-onset diabetes, also called Type

SUMMARY

■ Americans are facing a sugar epidemic, which is contributing to childhood and adult obesity.

2 diabetes, is a condition where the body does not make enough insulin. Rates of type 1 diabetes increased in U.S. children from 2001 to 2012 by 1.8 percent, and type 2 increased 4.8 percent annually, according to a study funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the National Health Institute.

A study published by the New England Journal of Medicine found that 57 percent of children and teens will be obese by age 35. Approximately 39.8 percent of adults are obese, and 18.5 percent of children are obese. If left unchecked, the increasing rates of obesity in children is going to cause premature death, Allyn said.

"We're going to see more chronic health issues with diabetes and heart disease, also," he said.

There are many safe ways to lose weight and restrict caloric intake. Allyn said simply writing down what you eat is a good method because then you see a list of everything you've eaten that day.

"That's what Weight Watchers does. It works. I lost 40 pounds on it," he said.

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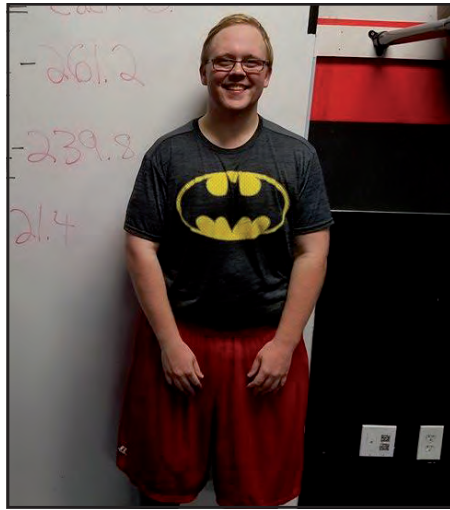
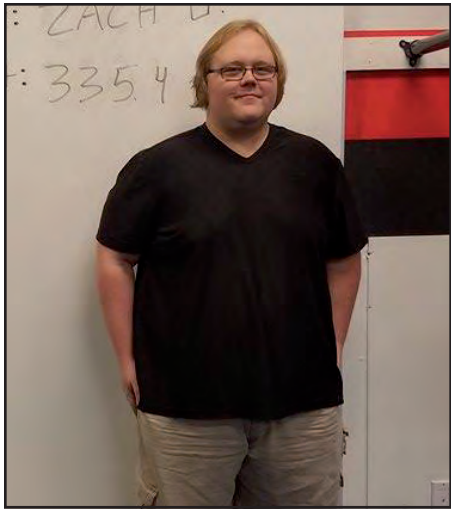
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How one Holly resident lost 115 pounds in just nine months



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Holly resident Zach Graves, 26, has lost 115 pounds since April of 2017 on a modified Paleolithic (paleo) diet and workout schedule. He said he no longer views it as a "diet" because he can't go back to the way he was living before. Graves eats a lot of protein and vegetables, and sometimes eats low sodium and low sugar foods.

By Hannah Ball

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With the new year now upon us, many people are thinking about losing weight. Now is the time to decide what diet you're going to follow.

Holly resident Zach Graves, 26, has lost 115 pounds since April 30, 2017, and continues to drop pounds by using a modified Paleo diet.

"Losing weight has always been something I wanted to do but it never moved past being an idea. It wasn't until it became life or death for me to make these changes in my life that it became something that I decided, 'You're just going to do it,'" he said.

On the Paleo diet, people only eat foods that people would eat in the Paleolithic era. This includes meat, fruits, vegetables, and anything else grown naturally. Graves also eats very low sugar and low sodium foods.

"The hardest part of dieting was the first months. I went through what feels like legitimate withdrawals when I went into the diet cold-turkey and was nauseous from the lack of salt and sugar my body was getting," he said.

For breakfast, he'll eat egg whites, spinach and oats, and a protein shake with raspberries or strawberries. For lunch, he eats clean protein, a carbohydrate like sweet potatoes and a vegetable, like cauliflower, Brussels sprouts or broccoli. He doesn't eat red meat if he can help it, avoids pork, and sticks with white fish, chicken, and lean turkey. For dinner, Graves will eat a protein and two cups of romaine lettuce with some red wine vinegar dressing.

"I have tried fad diets in the past. The most popular one I've ever tried was with

my mom close to 10 years ago. It was the Atkins diet and I have nothing but nightmares about it. I took off a bunch of weight but it wasn't sustainable and I put it all back on in the following months," he said.

He still faces temptation every day, and stress can sometimes make him eat comfort foods.

"I can never go back to the way I was living before and I'll never be 'off the diet.'"

Zach Graves
Holly resident,
down 115 pounds

"But I've never let it snowball out of control. My mantra has always been 'moderation' throughout this weight loss process," he said.

Graves said at first, he called this a diet, but not anymore. "I can never go back to the way I was living before and I'll never be 'off the diet.' I really understand what people

mean when they say it's a lifestyle change," he said.

There are multiple diets anyone can try, from the Ketogenic diet to the South Beach diet, which both focus on a low-carb, high-protein approach. Eating foods like seafood, low-carb vegetables, cheese, avocados, meat, poultry, eggs, plain Greek yogurt, nuts and seeds, berries and more are encouraged.

Other programs, like Weight Watchers, don't restrict any type of food, but instead focus on moderation. Weight Watchers helps people lose weight by promoting self-discipline. Every food you eat has a certain amount of points, and you have an allotted amount of points each day. The company recently rolled out a new program called Freestyle. It keeps the SmartPoints system, but certain foods, like chicken, fish, eggs, corn and beans, have a value of zero. Weight Watchers has also come out with a series of low-calorie wines.

OTHER DIET FADS

ATKINS — Main focus: low carb

The Atkins Diet was created by cardiologist Robert Atkins in the 1970s to produce rapid weight loss without hunger. The initial two-week induction phase restricts carbs to 20 grams per day and allows unlimited amounts of protein and fat.

Your body converts fat into ketones, which are water-soluble molecules produced by the liver during periods of low food intake, and uses those as its main energy source. After the two weeks, people doing the Atkins diet add carbs back to their schedule in small increments. Studies in the United Kingdom and the United States has proven the effectiveness of Atkins, according to the National Center for Biotechnology Information.

KETOGENIC — Main focus: very low carb, high protein

The Ketogenic diet focuses on very low carb levels and high fat levels to make your body use ketones as an energy source instead of sugar. This diet does not gradually increase carb intake, but keeps it low, usually less than 30 grams of carbs a day. After analyzing 13 studies, the NBIC found that the ketogenic diet boosts weight loss and body fat, and also reduces inflammatory markers and disease risk in obese test subjects.

SOUTH BEACH — Main focus: using ketones as energy, not sugar

The South Beach diet was inspired by the Atkins diet. Dr. Arthur Agatston created a diet with lower carbs and fats, but high protein levels. Phase one is low in carbs, but becomes less restrictive in phase two and three, and allows for unprocessed foods with high protein intake. This diet is known to be effective due to the high protein intake. The hormones released from proteins can suppress hunger longer than other foods. Approximately 24 studies have shown that a high protein diet promotes weight loss, according to the NCBI.

Sources: National Center for Biotechnology Information, heathline.com, mayoclinic.org

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Community Threads of Fenton opened for business on Nov. 3, 2017. It sustained a heating unit fire on Nov. 29, 2017 that forced the store to close temporarily. It re-opens this Saturday, Jan. 6. The drop ceiling behind him has not yet been repaired.

Community Threads of Fenton re-opens Saturday

■ New business opens again Jan. 6 after fire closed its doors on Nov. 29

By Sally Rummel

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It would take a less determined man than Allen Ryckman to keep his new business from re-opening this weekend. Community Threads of Fenton at 1370 N. LeRoy St., opened on Nov. 3, 2017 and closed three-and-a-half weeks later, after a fire ignited from inside one of its new rooftop heater units.

Fortunately, an observant truck driver making deliveries in the middle of the night noticed smoke and called 911. Damage on walls, baseboards and clothing pallets was mostly from water used to fight the fire. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Some of the missing ceiling tiles still

have to be replaced and other mechanical work will be completed this spring, but for now, Ryckman is just looking forward to a new start in 2018.

"We're just eager to get back open and see our customers," he said.

Customers shopping at this new concept thrift store will notice a full inventory of new and gently used items. "We replaced over 30,000 pieces of clothing that were slightly smoke damaged," Ryckman said. "We now have freshly new donated and purchased clothing for sale." The store also has household goods,

toys, books and décor.

Community Threads of Fenton will re-open on Saturday, Jan. 6 at 10 a.m. Winter hours will be Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (810) 354-8023 or visit: www.Communitythreadsoffenton.com.

“We’re just eager to get back and see our customers.”

Allen Ryckman
Community Threads of
Fenton owner

Calendar of events

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The book sale takes place on Thursday, Jan. 25, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday, Jan. 26, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, Jan. 27, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday is the bag sale day, when guests may fill a brown bag for \$5. Homemade baked goods sale is on Thursday, Jan. 25 and Friday, Jan. 26. Cromaine Library is at 3688 N. Hartland Rd., Hartland. Call (810) 632-5200 or go to Cromaine.org/friends for more information.

COFFEE HOUR

Drew Shapiro, Genesee County commissioner for the sixth district, and candidate for state representative of the 51st district, invites residents to a coffee hour event, from **9 to 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 9** at Panera Bread, 3500 Owen Rd., Fenton. RSVP by emailing info@ShapiroForMI.com.

News briefs

EXPLORING THE PAST

The Rose Township Heritage Committee and Oakland County Parks & Recreation are hosting an event called "Exploring the past around you" on Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 6:30 p.m. It will be at the township hall at 9080 Mason St., Holly. Advisor and Historian Carol Bacak-Egbo will be the presenter for the program aimed at teaching people how to research the history of their house, and land, and the early families who once lived there. She will select a historic home in the township and walk them through how to research land and property records, look up census data, and will show which resources are free and others requiring fees. People will learn what questions to ask in order to piece together the story of their home and land. The program is free. Register by emailing Supervisor Dianne Scheib-Snyder at Dianne@rosetownship.com, or call her at (248) 634-6889.

LOOKING BACK

at this week in

NATIONAL HISTORY

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JAN. 7

1929: Walter Chrysler, the founder of the Chrysler Corporation, one of America's Big Three automakers, is featured on the cover of Time magazine as its Man of the Year. In 1928, under Walter Chrysler's leadership, his company had acquired the Dodge Brothers Company, thereby becoming the world's third-largest automaker.

JAN. 8

1941: One of Hollywood's most famous clashes of the titans — an upstart "boy genius" filmmaker versus a furious 76-year-old newspaper tycoon — heats up when William Randolph Hearst forbids any of his newspapers to run advertisements for Orson Welles' "Citizen Kane." Though Welles was only 24 years old when he began working in Hollywood, he had already made a name for himself on the New York theater scene. After scoring a lucrative contract with the struggling RKO studio, he made his first film based on the life of William Randolph Hearst. After catching a preview screening of the unfinished "Citizen Kane," the influential gossip columnist Hedda Hopper wasted no time in passing along the news to Hearst and his associates. Her rival and Hearst's chief movie columnist, Louella Parsons, was incensed about the film and its portrait of Charles Foster Kane, the Hearst-like character embodied in typically grandiose style by Welles himself. Only a few days after the screening, Hearst sent the word out to all his publications not to run advertisements for the film.

JAN. 9

1984: Angelo Buono, one of the Hillside Stranglers, is sentenced to life in prison for his role in the rape, torture, and murder of 10 young women in Los Angeles. Buono's cousin and partner in crime, Kenneth Bianchi, testified against Buono to escape the death penalty.

JAN. 10

1901: A drilling derrick at Spindletop Hill near Beaumont, Texas, produces an enormous gusher of crude oil, coating the landscape for hundreds of feet and signaling the advent of the American oil industry. The geyser was discovered at a depth of over 1,000 feet, flowed at an initial rate of approximately 100,000 barrels a day and took nine days to cap.

JAN. 11

1927: Charlie Chaplin's \$16 million estate is frozen by court receivers after his second wife, Lita Grey Chaplin, sues for divorce. Lita was a 16-year-old hopeful actress when the 35-year-old Chaplin married her in 1924. The bitter and prolonged divorce ended a three-year marriage with a \$1 million settlement.

JAN. 12

1926: The two-man comedy series "Sam 'n' Henry" debuts on Chicago's WGN radio station. Two years later, after changing its name to "Amos 'n' Andy," the show became one of the most popular radio programs in American history.

JAN. 13

1982: An Air Florida Boeing 727 plunges into the Potomac River in Washington, D.C., killing 78 people. The crash, caused by bad weather, took place only two miles from the White House. The Air Florida flight took off from Washington National Airport in Arlington, Virginia, with 74 passengers and five crew members on board. The plane had flown into Washington from Miami in the early afternoon and was supposed to return to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, after a short stop. However, snow in Washington temporarily closed the airport. When it reopened, the plane was de-iced with chemical anti-freeze, but the plane still had difficulty moving away from the gate due to the ice. When it eventually made it to the airport's only usable runway, it was forced to wait 45 minutes for clearance to take off.

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Fenton's Idoni leads our area volleyball team

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When it comes to volleyball, Chloe Idoni can do just about anything.

Her sophomore season, Idoni started the season as the team's middle hitter, but when Fenton varsity volleyball coach Jerry Eisinger needed another outside hitter they moved Idoni to that spot right before the start of the postseason. It paid immediate dividends as Idoni played at an All-State level the rest of the season, helping the Tigers advance to a Class A state semifinal match for the first

time in school history.

Her junior season, she was a regular at the outside hitting spot, dominating Fenton's competition the entire year with her strong offensive play. She also quickly became one of the team's best back row players and best blockers. Finally, there was even a time during the season when she was the team's setter when she was playing in the back row. Basically, Idoni proved she could do it all while leading the Tigers to another Metro League championship, another Class A district title and a 46-win season.

Idoni's all-around outstanding play also made her a first-team All-Metro selection, an all-region selection and an Honorable Mention All-State performer during the fall. It also has earned her one more honor. She's our 2017 Tri-County Volleyball Player of the Year.

"I think we exceeded expectations this season," Idoni said about the Tigers' 43-6-3 overall record and perfect Metro League season. "At the beginning of the season we set some goals but we had to make them bigger as we went on. I'm just proud of our team and what we accomplished this year."

Making the permanent move to outside made Idoni flourish in the stat category as well. She broke the school record for kills in a season, hitting 678, crushing Jessica Warford's record of 616 in 2016. She had a hitting percentage of 42 percent and a kill efficiency rating of 29 percent, averaging 4.7 kills a set.

"(Playing as an outside hitter) is totally different from being a middle hitter," Idoni said. "You have

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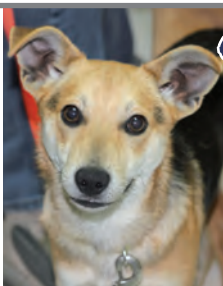
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Sports Time

Griffins' youth slowly getting better

■ Appleberg posts hat trick in 8-5 loss to the Alliance

By David Troppens

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Hartland — It wasn't the best way for a team made up of 14 new players would hope to start a game against a 7-3 team.

But when the first period was over, the Fenton/Linden Griffins trailed 3-0 against Alliance (a co-op prep hockey squad with players from Almont, Goodrich, Im-lay City, Lakeville and North Branch on it). Alliance entered as the clear favorites and looked set for smooth sailing.

However, the Griffins' squad that includes 11 sophomores and a freshman, bounced back, actually got the game to within a goal in the second period before eventually losing a pretty entertaining 8-5 contest at Hartland Sports Arena on Wednesday.

"Being down 3-0 in the first period it could've been a long night for a young team, but we regrouped in the second and made it close," the Griffins' first-year head coach Kyle Marchand said. "But they got one late in the (second) period on a short-handed goal and that cost us."

Trailing 3-0 entering the second period, things got worse before they got better for



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The Griffins' Josh Appleberg gets checked during a recent contest. Appleberg scored three goals in an 8-5 loss to the Alliance on Wednesday.

the Griffins. The Griffins were forced to kill off several short-handed situations, and did so successfully. Finally, earning a power play chance of their own, the Griffins thwarted it initially by allowing a short-handed goal by Zak Hanaford, making it a 4-0 deficit with 8:08 left in the second period. However, the Griffins responded with three goals over the next five minutes. Just 16 seconds later, the

Griffins got a power-play goal by Josh Appleberg on a rebound putback. Austin Porter and Brenden Miles assisted.

The Griffins cut the gap to 4-2 with 4:34 left in the second period on Appleberg's second goal off a Porter assist on a semi-breakaway. Finally, just 90 seconds later, a two-on-one set up another Griffins' goal.

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Fenton's Addison McIntosh (right) has been the Tigers' leading scorer so far this season.

Cold shooting costs Fenton Tigers, 47-32

By David Troppens

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The weather isn't the only thing that was cold on Wednesday night when the Fenton varsity boys basketball team returned to action against the Hartland Eagles.

The Tigers' shooting was equally cold.

The Tigers suffered its lowest scoring output of the season, losing to the Eagles at home 47-32. The loss ends Fenton's three-game win streak, evening its record at 3-3 entering the Tigers' Metro League contest at Holly on Friday. The

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Fugate's 19 not enough for Bronchos vs. Hartland

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The Holly varsity girls gave a talented Hartland varsity girls basketball team all it wanted to handle on Wednesday night. However, the Bronchos fell a little short in their first game coming out of the winter break, losing to the Eagles at home, 44-34.

Holly (4-3 overall) was within four points late in the game, but a transition three-pointer by Hartland late, established a reasonable lead with limited time remaining. Hartland was able to ice the game at the free-throw line after the three-point hoop.

Hartland led 11-7 after one quarter, and 24-16 at halftime. The Bronchos cut into the lead slightly entering the fourth quarter, trailing 31-24.

Rebecca Fugate continued her strong start to the season, collected 19 points and six rebounds.



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Holly's Rebecca Fugate scored 19 points in the Bronchos' loss to Hartland on Wednesday.

TIGERS

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Tigers remain a healthy 3-1 in Metro action.

The Tigers couldn't get their offense to heat up in the first half, falling behind 11-5 after one quarter. Fortunately for Fenton, Hartland wasn't very hot either. Fenton scored just four points in the second quarter, but the Tigers' defense held Hartland to four points as well, resulting in just a 15-9

halftime lead for the Eagles.

Both teams saw their offenses heat up in the second half a bit, but Hartland's offense was stronger, scoring 16 points in each of the final two quarters, helping the Eagles gradually increase their lead as the contest continued to its conclusion.

Prior to the winter break the Tigers' offense has been pretty strong, scoring at least 55 points in each of its previous three games.

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IDONI

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more open options. There is a variety of stuff you can do. ... I had to reprogram my mind to think as an outside hitter and learn what spots will be open at what times."

But Idoni is more than an attacking threat. She also had 67 total blocks while recording 430 digs, an average of 2.3 digs a set. She had 89 aces and also provided 133 assists

during the times she played setter. Idoni enjoyed her time at setter.

"I love setting," Idoni said. "Being tall and setting is a huge advantage because if it is tight I can attack. But I really didn't need to be a setter. (Fenton's starting setter) Sydney (Acho) is an awesome setter. I'm proud of being our outside hitter."

Idoni said she improved defensively.

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Fenton's Diller is a world record holder in kettlebell lifting

Julie Diller has a split personality. For long stretches of her day she works on creating unique industrial-styled jewelry.

However, there are other times of the day when she's lifting 26-pound kettlebells over her head for exercise and recreation.

The Fenton resident also does it in competition, and recently displayed how strong she is by breaking a world record at the International Kettlebell and Fitness Federations USA Nationals on Nov. 18. She did 100 reps with the 26-pound kettle bell in a 10-minute period, winning the 53-kilogram weight class in the Double Long Cycle Division.

Kettlebells are large weights with a handle on the top of the weight. They can vary in weight from four kilograms to 92 kilograms. During the competition, a repetition involves swinging the kettlebell between the competitor's legs, raising it to the waist, pushing it above the head, lowering it back to the waist and then swinging it back between the legs.

Diller entered her first competition six years ago and has been competing in the event ever since. She came close to breaking the world record last year, winning the competition with 91 repetitions, inspiring her to go for the record this season.



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Julie Diller prepares for her kettlebell competition right before breaking a world record. She lifted the kettlebells 100 times in a 10-minute period.

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ALL TRI-COUNTY VOLLEYBALL TEAM			
Volleyball MVP	Grade	Pos	School
Chloe Idoni	Junior	Outside hitter	Fenton
Comment: Idoni earned All-State Honorable Mention status after leading the Tigers to another Metro League crown and another Class A district title. She broke the school record for kills in a season (678) and also had 430 digs, 133 assists, 89 aces and 67 total blocks.			
Rest of first team	Grade	Pos	School
Jesse Hepner	Junior	Middle hitter	Holly
Allison Conly	Senior	Outside hitter	Linden
Laura Lamb	Junior	Def. specialist	Fenton
Sydney Acho	Sophomore	Setter	Fenton
Kennedy Hogan	Freshman	Hitter	Holly
Jordan Moros	Junior	Setter	Linden

PREP REPORT

WRESTLING

► **Lake Fenton vs. Lapeer, Mt. Morris:** The Blue Devils split their matches, beating Lapeer 40-18, but losing to Mt. Morris 51-27.

Three-time defending state champion Jarrett Trombley (135) was Lake Fenton's only wrestler to go 2-0 on matches not resulting in any forfeit wins. He defeated Lapeer's returning state placer Hunter Hohman 3-0 and also defeated

Mt. Morris' Ethan Dunman by pinfall.

Sean Trombley (152) went 2-0 but won one of his matches by forfeit. He also beat Mt. Morris' Jake Allen 9-2. Zolen Maron (215) won two matches by forfeit.

Chris Tomczak (285), Adam Moon (112), Quenten Ortega (119), Gavin Lawrence (130), Elan Hagenstein (140) and Jackson Nevadomski (171) each won a match.

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