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Genavieve Linkowski's family joins her to celebrate her winning a golden ticket to Hollywood for a live audition with American Idol.

Area teen is Hollywood-bound

■ 'American Idol' judge Lionel Ritchie compares Genavieve Linkowski's voice to Celine Dion

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Genavieve Linkowski, 19, of Atlas Township, near Goodrich, sang her way to a golden ticket to Hollywood on her nationally televised "American Idol" audition.

The episode aired Monday, March 19 on ABC-TV.

She smiled throughout her entire rendition of Jason Mraz's "I Won't Give Up," accompanying herself on the piano. Her performance wowed all

three judges, Lionel Ritchie, Katy Perry and Luke Bryan, who gave her a unanimous "Yes!" for a golden ticket. This gives Linkowski a guaranteed spot on upcoming live auditions of "American Idol" in Hollywood.

But it might have been Ritchie's praise of her voice, comparing her to singing legend Celine Dion, that will be a lasting memory for Linkowski.

Ritchie grinned throughout her entire performance, and was the first to sing her praises.

"The first time I heard a voice like this, raw, it absolutely blew me away, (it was) a little girl who walked out onto the stage, appeared to be as shy as she possibly could, opened up her mouth, and the curtains started shaking," Ritchie said.

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Reckless driver destroys Holly clock

■ Holly Township woman arrested for OWI

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"Our poor clock hasn't fared well as of late," said Holly Police Chief Mike Story.

The clock came down just after 8:30 p.m. on Friday, March 16. Story said a 55-year-old Holly Township woman struck the pole, causing the clock to come tumbling down. Another vehicle parked nearby sustained minor damage.

The Holly Township woman was not injured but she was arrested for OWI (Operating While Intoxicated) and will appear in court for arraignment at a later date, Story said.

The last time someone crashed into the pole bringing the clock down was in June of 2009, said Downtown Development Director Katy Hughes. In the 2009 accident, a Burton woman, driving a 1999 Cadillac, and her

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The Holly clock tower is in shambles after it was knocked over just after 8:30 p.m. on Friday, March 16. It cost about \$24,000 to replace the clock after it was struck down in June of 2009.

Muslim-run cemetery plan revised

■ Noise, traffic, burial practices addressed

By Tim Jagielo
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In November 2017, Hasan Siddiqui, cemetery director, weathered a robust public hearing about his proposed cemetery on Germany Road near Denton Hill in Tyrone Township.

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FILE PHOTO
Hasan Siddiqui of Tyrone Township addresses residents at the Nov. 14 Tyrone Township Planning Commission meeting.

DNR will remove Mute Swan eggs from millpond area

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The Fenton City Council voted unanimously Monday, March 19, to approve a five-year Mute Swan Nest/Egg Destruction Program at the millpond.

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“The Hot-liner criticizing technology is 100-percent correct. I intended to spend St. Patrick's Day out with my wife and a bunch of friends. Instead, we all went downtown and I spent the evening with my wife and her date — her cell phone. She spent nearly the entire time messaging other friends. At least I had other friends there to make memories with — technology has ruined society.”



“Every couple of weeks I see other people warning of scammers calling people and not to fall for anything. It is easy to figure out. If they call, you never give out information, even on a message asking you to call back.”



COMMENT
OF THE WEEK

“If an 18-year-old is not mature enough to own a firearm, surely they are not old enough to vote, sign legal documents or serve in the armed services.”

New fire headquarters for Holly village?

■ Council authorizes \$20,000 deposit for former diesel garage

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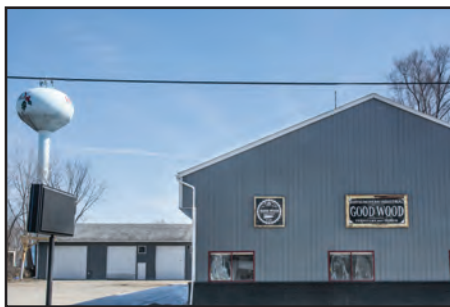
In a recent Holly Village Council meeting, officials approved a \$20,000 deposit for the purchase of the property at 414 N. Saginaw St. The agreed upon purchase price is \$200,000.

The former Mid America Diesel property includes two buildings for a total of 13,000 square feet, according to Village Manager Jerry Walker. The deposit could be executed this week. The property is involved in bankruptcy court proceedings, which can complicate the sale.

The property was listed at \$385,000 originally, Walker said.

The current village fire headquarters is at 313 S. Broad St., adjacent to the police station at 315 S. Broad St., on the south side of the village. Walker said this location on North Saginaw Street is more centrally located for logistics and the fire hydrant system. "That in itself will help lower the ISO (Insurance Service Office) rating," said Walker, which can in turn, lower homeowners insurance.

The ISO rating provides statistical information on fire risk. The lower the rating, the better insurance rates fami-



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The proposed new Holly Fire Department headquarters was most recently "Good Wood Furniture & Design." The purchase price of \$200,000 does not include repairs and remodeling.

lies can get. "It will benefit the response times and the residents' pocketbook by lowering insurance rates," said Council Member Dave Cruickshank.

The purchase will come from funds paid from the sale of the former village offices. Cruickshank said the money is currently in a capital investment fund.

Walker added that fire department equipment is located in three different areas of the village — at Cyclone Park, the Department of Public Works and the headquarters. Once completed, all the village fire equipment would be in one location.

Once initiated, the project should take approximately

one year. While the structure of the building is complete, the interior would need to be built to specification.

“It will benefit the response times and the residents' pocketbook by lowering insurance rates.”

Dave Cruickshank
Holly Village council member

Part-time Holly/Groveland fire chief to become full-time chief in Holly Village

By Tim Jagielo

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Residents of Holly Village will soon see some changes with the village fire department and ambulance service coverage.

Holly/Groveland Fire Chief Steve McGee is retiring from Groveland Township

on June 15 and will become the new full-time fire chief in Holly Village.

This triggered the end of the village contract for ALS (advanced life support) ambulance services with the Groveland Fire Department.

Currently, the village of Holly has its own fire department, which is headquartered on Broad Street. The village has contracted with the Groveland Township Fire Department for administrative staffing (fire chief) and ambulance services for more than eight years.

Groveland Township Supervisor Robert DePalma said the ALS services cost approximately \$54,000 annually, and the management contract costs \$67,000. The village also covered Groveland's 911 services for \$35,000.

Now, the long-standing agreement could end on June 15. Earlier this year, DePalma informed the village that both contracts will end with

McGee's retirement from Groveland. "We don't feel the one contract alone is advantageous for us to do," he said. "We wish (McGee) well, and we wish the village well."

"We have options of course," said Village Manager Jerry Walker.

McGee will take over as full-time fire chief for the village, and is already talking to private ALS providers such as STAT EMS, and the North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) for future emergency medical services.

For several years, McGee has also been the building official for Holly Village. Starting in June, he'll take on the role as full-time fire chief and building official. He said he'll probably spend more time with the fire department. As fire chief, lowering the village ISO rating, which will save residents' money, is a continuing goal.

McGee said they are also exploring handling ALS themselves. He said that there's even a chance that they could work with Groveland Township again. "Really, everything is on the table now," he said. "We want to do the best protection for the village residents that is the most cost effective."

“We don't feel the one contract alone is advantageous for us to do ... We wish (McGee) well, and we wish the village well.”

Robert DePalma
Groveland Township supervisor

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Want to **save \$2,200** a year?

■ Look inside your refrigerator and start properly storing, preparing food to avoid waste

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Throwing fresh food away because you didn't use it in time or properly store it is literally money down the drain.

The average American family throws away about a quarter of the food they buy, amounting to \$2,200 worth of food each year, according to a recent study by the National Resources Defense Council.

Much of this waste is due to over-buying, food spoilage and not maximizing the way we use the food we purchase.

Think of the huge portions of food you buy when you go bulk food shopping at a warehouse store, then watch how much of it actually goes to waste. It's only a good deal to buy a large quantity of an item if you know you're going to use it before the end of its shelf life.

Here's how to properly store the food you buy, so you don't end up throwing it away:

Meats, fish and poultry

Keep the meat in its original packaging from the store, when possible. Re-wrapping increases the risk of exposing the food to harmful bacteria, according to Realsimple.com.

"It's because you're handling it," said Bernie Thick of VG's



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Dan Tomchuck, VG's produce lead at the Silver Parkway store, stocks refrigerated herbs on Tuesday, March 20. While the herbs and other greens are kept packaged and refrigerated, apples and potatoes are not.

Grocery Meat Department on Silver Parkway. "Whatever's on your hands will be transferred to the meat. The salt on your skin will also turn the meat from red to brown."

He said you can leave meat in the refrigerator up to the "best by" date, which signifies best flavor or peak freshness, not safety. "You can actually keep it in the package for a day or two past that date," Thick said.

For longer storage, place the store package in a freezer bag and place in the

freezer for up to six months. Thick takes an extra precaution against freezer burn and wraps the store package meat in aluminum foil, then puts it in a freezer bag. "That's a triple wrap against freezer burn," he said.

“Always wash your lettuce, even the pre-washed ones, to be on the safe side.”

Charmagne Kendrick
VG's Grocery produce manager

Leftovers

Refrigerate leftovers within two hours of cooking. There's no need to wait for piping-hot foods to cool down before storing them in the fridge, according to MayoClinic.org. Leftovers should be eaten within three to four days to avoid

any risk of food poisoning, then toss or freeze.

Loose leaf lettuce and salad greens

Wash and remove any damaged leaves, including bags of prewashed lettuce, to avoid E coli, advises prevention.com. Dry thoroughly with a salad spinner to remove excess water. Wrap in paper towels and place in plastic bag or storage container.

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A LOOK BACK at **1968**

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King's last march

■ Part 3 (Parts 1 and 2 published in March 7 and 14 editions)

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The death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on April 4, 1968, became one of this country's most defining moments when it came to his quest for equality for all. The following, along with parts 1 (March 7) and 2 (March 14) describe the events of the weeks that led up to that fateful day. See "King's last day" in the Wednesday, April 4 edition.

Martin Luther King Jr. speaks in Memphis with the Rev. Jesse Jackson just prior to giving the last speech of his life on April 3, 1968.

... King was back in Memphis six days later to lead a second march. Memphis city officials asked a federal judge to issue an injunction blocking him. King spent the better part of the day, April 3, 1968, meeting with aides and local organizers at the

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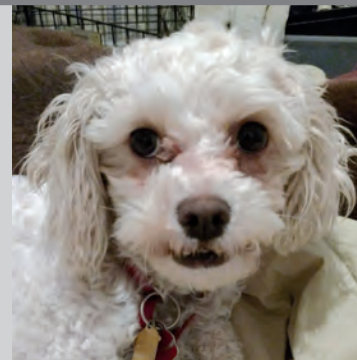


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If I Were King...

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Don't worry — I've got it handled.

A recent email sent by a royal reader made me realize that it's time someone took charge of the things that are being grossly mishandled by our wasteful, faceless, spineless, incompetent government. Effective immediately, I'll handle it.

• **Free Housing** — All government housing will be located in military barracks. The current active soldiers will move into newly built, nicer facilities, thereby opening up hundreds of thousands of dwellings for welfare housing. All residents will keep their free housing clean, spotlessly maintained and in good repair. All housing will be subject to random inspections by drill sergeants for any abuse, drugs, tobacco, weapons or alcohol. If you can afford any of those, you can afford your own home. Any violation results in eviction. No excuses, no exceptions.

• **Medicaid** — First, no more abortions. In addition to being murder (does 'thou shalt not kill' ring a bell?), abortion is counterproductive to the process of accountability for one's actions. If you are pregnant and test positive for drugs, nicotine or alcohol at your mandatory monthly screening, you forfeit all 'benefits' — immediately and permanently. No excuses, no exceptions.

• **Food Stamps** — I'll handle it. No more cash. But, you will get vouchers good for bulk bread, rice, beans, sugar-free cereal, cheese and powdered milk. Nothing can be 'purchased' that is not on the approved list. No more cigarettes, Pepsi, Twinkies or pork rinds. No excuses, no exceptions.

• **Aid to Dependent Children** — I'll handle it. Maximum two children to any married couple. A third child re-

sults in forfeiture of any and all welfare 'benefits.' If you can't feed 'em, don't breed 'em. The father of any child must be identified on the birth certificate in order to obtain any 'benefits.' No excuses, no exceptions.

• **Unemployment** — I'll handle it. Every citizen who has worked will earn a total of 26 weeks of unemployment once every decade. If you do collect unemployment, you will report to a government job three days a week (cleaning parks, building roads, painting public property, etc). That will leave you two days a week to find a job. Late for your government work, or miss a day? No problem — no check for that week (and it will count against your 26 weeks). No excuses, no exceptions.

• **Fraud** — I'll handle it. Any instance of fraud results in instant loss of any government assistance for life. No excuses, no exceptions.

• **Logic** — If, while accepting any government assistance, you acquire a Wii, Xbox, HDTV, or show up with a new tattoo or body piercing — all 'benefits' end immediately. If you can afford those, you don't need us. No excuses, no exceptions.

Welfare, in any form, is a choice. All choices carry consequences. If you and I are to pay for someone else's bad choices, then we should set the system up so that they learn the value of making good choices.

The current system does just the opposite. But don't worry, I've got it handled.

“If you and I are to pay for someone else's bad choices, then we should set the system up so that they learn the value of making good choices.”

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I WOULD LIKE to know the percent of those children who are protesting gun control, that play computer or some Xbox games that shoot and kill or blow up people. Our government should have some control over these games.

WHAT DO YOU do when your neighbor's big dog habitually leaves land mines in your yard? I am at my wits end. Talking to them doesn't help. They smile and say, 'OK' and then do nothing. Is this a millennial thing?

BACK IN THE day when I was in high school, if somebody bullied me, I used to beat the crap out of them. We're not allowed to do that anymore. I don't know what's wrong.

ONLY ABOUT 4 percent of what Planned Parenthood does pertains to abortion. Maybe you should check out everything else Planned Parenthood does to help people.

AFTER READING THE Hot lines week after week, there really are some dumb people who live in this area. Please stop listening to propaganda and check your facts from a reputable source.

YOUR INTERPRETATION OF the second amendment is completely wrong. Nowhere does it say that people are entitled to carry military assault weapons. Try reading it again, maybe a little slower this time so you understand what it says.

DOES ANYONE KNOW why all those people gather at the old seminary? I see several cars there several times a week.

SO WHY ISN'T the constant Trump-bashing propaganda of liberal media such as CNN, MSNBC, ABC, CBS and NBC considered a hate crime?

GUN CONTROL IS not the real problem for our shootings; it is the breakdown of the family unit, spearheaded by the progressives.

ENOUGH ABOUT THE potholes. You are sounding psychotic. Go see the road commission.

I'VE NOTICED THAT when Fox News has 'experts' on to discuss a political issue, they will have both a liberal and a conservative to share their points of view. This is rarely the case on CNN or MSNBC.

TRUMP SUPPORTERS, YOU don't get it. If he was a Democrat, what would you say about his stupid remarks, his numerous infidelities, his lack of knowledge of history, his insults and bullying, his avoidance answering questions to which he doesn't have answers because he's ignorant.

TO THE PERSON who said 'as a nation, believe that the person elected President of USA is inherently smart.' President Trump cannot totally concentrate on his job because of people like you. He is distracted from his job and has to try to defend himself from the Democrats and people like you.

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What was your most memorable spring break?



"I went to Antigua in the Caribbean two or three years ago. I went with my husband and another couple. It was nice to be on the beach and just relax."

Teresa Ewles
Fenton



"I always remember that for spring break we would go down to visit some of my family in Missouri. I went almost every year with my family."

Laura Greanya
Fenton



"I grew up in Florida so around spring break time my family and I would always go scuba diving. I lived there for about 14 to 15 years so we did it for a while."

Taylor Willbanks
Fenton



"I hang out with my son, which to me is memorable because we get to go out and go to the parks and bike. I always enjoy hanging out with my son."

Laura Cameron
Fenton



"The memorable spring break was when my sister, who owns a hotel in Florida, shut down and had family and friends come and stay at the hotel. We filled all 20 rooms."

Cathy Hopkins
Fenton

streettalk

Got spring cleaning on your mind?

■Yard waste pickup starts in April, proposed community cleanup days to come

By Tim Jagielo

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Once the weather starts warming, local municipalities will start offering lawn waste pickup, and begin scheduling community-wide cleanup days.

The Times has compiled information for the majority of local municipalities as a reminder.

Lawn waste pickup

Fenton, Fenton Township, Linden, Argentine Township and Holly Village have similar lawn waste schedules and requirements, so they are grouped together.

Dates: April 1 to Nov. 30, on regular trash collection days

Requirements: Lawn waste must be stored in biodegradable paper Kraft-style bags, or in clearly marked 30-gallon trash bins. Twigs and branches must be smaller than 2 inches in diameter in bundles no larger than 2-by 4-foot long, and weigh less than 50 pounds. No tree trunks, stumps or construction debris accepted. Debris must be placed in the pickup area before 6 a.m.

In Argentine Township, debris must be placed before 7 a.m., and compost is picked up every other week starting April 2.

Community cleanups and more

City of Fenton

Chipping days: The Fenton Department of Public Works (DPW) will dispose of larger branches via wood chipper on Mondays starting in May. Residents must call City Hall at (810) 629-2261 to make the request.

Citywide cleanup day: The cleanup day is scheduled for June 2, from 9 a.m. to noon, meeting at 301 S. LeRoy St. (City Hall.) *Resident volunteers can help clean and weed flowerbeds and planters around downtown Fenton.*

City of Linden

Cleanup Day: Linden Cleanup Day

is April 21, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. starting at Eagle Wooden Park. Go to Lindenmi.us for more information. *Resident volunteers can help clean and rake city property starting with the park.*

Rose Township

Rose Township residents handle their garbage and lawn waste pickup on an individual basis. Those who use Republic Services will likely have a similar waste pick-up schedule as other municipalities.

Cleanup Day (of the roadsides):

Rose Township will hold its cleanup day on March 19, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Roadside cleanup will take place on Saturday, May 19, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dumpsters will be placed at Rose Township Civic Park at the northwest corner of Milford and West Rose Center roads. Residency will be verified by staff, and firefighters will assist in loading items into dumpsters. Liquids and chemicals are not allowed, nor is concrete or lawn debris.

Holly Township

Lawn waste pickup: Township residents contract with their service providers on an individual basis.

Cleanup Day: The Holly Township Spring Clean Up Day is May 5, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Clean-up days are provided for Holly Township residents to remove refuse from their properties, according to the township website. Residents are also encouraged to participate in the clean-up of township roads. All barrels and fuel oil tanks must be open-ended. No stumps, brush, leaves or concrete will be accepted. Paint cans must be empty or filled with sand or kitty litter. There is a \$2 per item charge for regular tires and a \$5 per item charge for tractor tires. All appliances will be taken.

Tyrone Township

Lawn waste pickup: Township residents contract with their service providers on an individual, or per-neighborhood basis.

Weed control approved for Lake Ponemah

■Estimated cost of five-year program is \$427,016; \$220 per year for lakefront homes

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Fenton Twp. — On Monday, March 19, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees unanimously approved a five-year lake improvement special assessment district for Lake Ponemah.

The money will go toward weed control. The estimated cost is \$85,000 per year with a five-year total of \$427,016.76.

The board created a special assessment roll of affected property owners to finance the project. The approximate annual assessment is \$220 for a lakefront property, based on cost figures provided by Aquatic Plant Control.

At the March 5 meeting, Thomas

Broecker, operations manager/deputy clerk said properties fronting the lake will be responsible for paying one share. Properties with boating access to the lake will pay one-half share, properties with marinas or multi-space docks will pay one-half share per space, and properties with no boat access to the lake will pay one-quarter share.

Progressive AE, the consulting expert hired by the lake association, will be overseeing the work done by Aquatic Nuisance Plant Control.

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SAVE

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Store in the crisper drawer of your refrigerator, replacing the paper towels anytime they feel wet. This is the key to keeping your lettuce from getting slimy.

"I share this with my customers all the time," said Charmagne Kendrick, produce manager at VG's Grocery on Silver Parkway. "Always wash your lettuce, even the pre-washed ones, to be on the safe side. I store all my lettuces in a Tupperware or plastic container lined with paper towels. It keeps forever," she said

Fruits

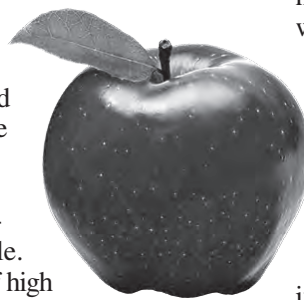
Keep fruits and vegetables separate by storing apples with apples and carrots with carrots, for example.

Fruits that give off high levels of ethylene (a ripening agent) can prematurely ripen and spoil surrounding vegetables (think of the "one bad apple" saying).

Non-cherry stone fruits (peaches, nectarines, apricots, plums), avocados, tomatoes, mangoes, melons, apples and pears will continue to ripen if left out on a countertop. Items like bell peppers, grapes, citrus and berries will only deteriorate if left out and should be refrigerated.

Bananas ripen very quickly and should never be refrigerated. They will also speed the ripening of any nearby fruits.

Kendrick reminds customers not to store any tomatoes in the refrigerator. "They'll lose their flavor. Even grape tomatoes should be kept out on the counter, not in the refrigerator."



Vegetables

Don't wash produce before refrigerating it (exception: lettuce). The dampness can make it mold and rot more quickly.

Before storing vegetables, remove ties, rubber bands and trim leafy ends, leaving an inch to keep the vegetable from drying out. Make sure the bag you store the vegetables in has some holes punctured for good air flow. Pack vegetables loosely in the refrigerator. The closer they are, the quicker they'll rot.

You can also re-crisp vegetables that have gone limp by placing them in cold water and storing in the fridge

Dairy

Stock up on sale prices of butter and cheese, and safely freeze what you want to use later. Butter will keep in your freezer for up to six months. Be sure to store it in an airtight container so it doesn't take on any flavors from your freezer.

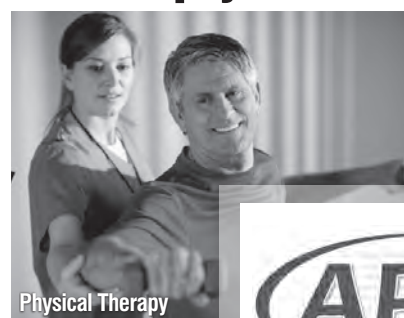
You can freeze cheese for up to two months with no change in quality. Wrap extremely well in plastic wrap, then seal in zipper lock freezer bags.

Cream cheese is an exception — it can be frozen, but the texture will be gritty, which will work for some applications and not others.

To increase the life of your sour cream and cottage cheese, simply place these containers upside down in the fridge. By inverting the tub, it creates a vacuum effect that stifles the growth of bacteria than can cause the food to spoil. Yogurt and ricotta cheese are worth trying, too.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO THE INDIVIDUAL who says Trump will give away the farm if you flatter him. Remember Hillary selling 20 percent of our uranium to Russia? Remember Obama giving \$170 billion to Iran? Remember Obama donating to try to oust Netanyahu? I don't see Trump giving money to any villains. His tax cuts gave money to the American people, unlike the tax increases of the previous administration. Obamacare is one of the biggest tax hikes in history and it is still increasing every year.

THANK YOU TO the person who bought my coffee at Tim Hortons a couple of weeks ago very early in the morning. I wanted you to know I immediately paid it forward. You made my and someone else's day.

THE MORE I'VE seen of Heller's columns, the less likely I was to read them. I've gotten to the point where I can't tolerate his liberal gibberish any longer.

TO THE INDIVIDUAL who recommends home schooling for our children. I recently read that 60 percent of Detroit is functionally illiterate. How well would that work there?

I'D LIKE TO ask the King, if liberal laws are to blame for gun violence in the USA, why is liberal Europe so free of that same violence.

IF YOU WANT to find out the truth about Planned Parenthood, call them and they will tell you that you cannot get an abortion up until the time of delivery. Please stop spreading such lies. Get informed and stop showing your ignorance.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Tracey Jensen, Holly Middle School teacher, was notified during class on Tuesday, March 20, that she will receive the "Outstanding Middle School Teacher of The Year Award" at a ceremony in April.

Surprise! Holly teacher to receive 'outstanding' award

■ Middle school teacher first in five years to be recognized

By Tim Jagielo

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Holly—Middle school teacher Tracey Jensen was about to dive into a science lab with her second period seventh-grade class on Tuesday, March 20.

Instead, she was interrupted to find out she will be to be awarded "2018 Outstanding Middle School Teacher of the Year"

for Oakland County, in front of her whole class who cheered and applauded.

Her family was present, along with news cameras and administrative staff, including Principal Eric Curl and Superintendent Scott Roper and retiring Superintendent Dave Nuss.

After the announcement by Michael Yocum, assistant superintendent of education services for Oakland Schools, Jensen hugged her family, posed for photos all the while being filmed and given flowers.

She knew she was nominated late last month, but didn't make the connection until the group of staff, family and cameras entered her classroom.

Before the event, a camera operator even came in under the guise of being an electrician to check the lights by turning them all on, when really he was just prepping the room for video.

When she heard she was nominated she was shocked, then happy and excited. "I felt totally validated," she said. "It really makes me feel good inside ... it kind of renews your energy."

This annual award is handled by Oakland Schools, an intermediate service school district in Oakland County.

Jensen was graded based on a 95-point rubric used by a panel of three judges. Things like academics and "going above and beyond" are worth a lot of points. However, testimony of students, parents and colleagues rate the highest.

"The things that are said by those parents, students and that colleague are what really boost those points up," said Crystal Foster, Oakland Schools project department assistant for communication services.

Jensen was selected from a pool of 60, competing against 23 other middle school teachers, of the 28 districts in Oakland County, said Foster. She added that this is the first time in at least five years that a Holly Area Schools teacher has been awarded.

Jensen's real award will be given at a ceremony with the winners in the high school and elementary school categories. There, she'll receive a check for \$2,000.

Constable's letter of resignation accepted

■ Despite divided opinions, board accepts signed letter 5-2

By Vera Hogan

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Whether Rose Township Constable Emile Bair really intended to resign remains a mystery this week.

During both the Feb. 14 and March 14 Rose Township Board of Trustees meetings, it was reported that Bair was asking people in the township to help him. They said he could no longer do his job and their bringing a letter of resignation to his health care facility to sign was his doing and that he requested it.

But at the Feb. 14 meeting, Bair's wife Katherine said publicly, "Imagine my shock that someone from this office went to the (care facility) to have my husband sign it without my knowledge."

"We're not ready to commit at this time." She further stated that this sounds like "collusion," and that she is having an attorney look at it. "How dare you," she told the board.

Others who spoke during public comment also expressed their displeasure at how this was handled.

Supervisor Dianne Scheib-Snyder, Treasurer Paul Gambka and Deputy Treasurer Denise Hanley said resigning was Bair's wish and that they were helping him.

Clerk Debbie Miller said the entire matter was handled inappropriately. "There are laws to protect people when an individual is on medication and in a hospital or rehab facility," she said.

At the March 14 meeting, just before voting 5 to 2 to accept Bair's signed letter of resignation, it was stated that the family had 30 days in which to bring the board something regarding their position on the matter.

Clerk Debbie Miller and Trustee Glen Noble cast the dissenting votes.

On Tuesday, March 20, Katherine said due to the current state of his health, she doesn't think her husband can go back to work. But that was not the case earlier this year when he signed the letter of resignation, she said.

"I was blindsided at the time," Katherine said about the Feb. 14 meeting.

"It took Emile six years to retire from GM," she said, outlining a pattern of her husband's behavior. "He talked about it and talked about it and talked about it."

Katherine said he felt bad about not being able to do his job in Rose Township and again, repeatedly wrote and rewrote resignation letters himself that were never submitted.

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SWANS

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The USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) indicated to Public Works Director Dan Czarnecki that they would continue to perform the nest destruction at no charge and asked the city to approve the five-year program.

The five-year period will begin in the spring and continue through 2022.

“The USDA is concerned with the number of mute swans that are migrating to Michigan,” said Czarnecki in a memo to City Manager Lynn Markland. “These swans are non-native species to the state and compete with native waterfowl for food and other resources.”

Last year the city worked with the USDA to remove mute swans from the millpond. They were able to remove one nest with five eggs, but a second nest had already hatched.

The Fenton Township Board of Trustees took similar action at its Feb. 20 meeting, when they approved the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Mute Swan Egg and Nest Destruction Program for Marl and Silver lakes for five years. The Silver and Marl Lakes Homeowners’ Association brought the resolution to the board.

The resolution states, if people find mute swan egg nests around those lakes, they can call the DNR to destroy them.

Dick Sandell, a member of the Silver and Marl Lakes Homeowners Association, said the population of mute swans, which are easily identifiable by their orange beaks, have been increasing on the lakes every summer.

“We’ve gotten some complaints from residents about the aggressiveness,” he said. “The DNR wants them gone.”

According to the DNR, mute swans are invasive to Michigan and pose a threat to humans as well as wildlife. They’re known to attack people on personal watercraft, tubes, kayaks, paddleboats and other watercraft. They will also attack small children and dogs.

Each year, the DNR gets reports of mute swan attacks on people in watercraft and on shore. These situations all pose potentially dangerous results, and as the mute swan population grows, so do the conflicts, according to the DNR.

Mute swans are one of the world’s most aggressive waterfowl species, especially when they’re nesting and humans come too close to their territory, according to the DNR.

Staff Reporter Hannah Ball contributed to this report.



Goose eggs and nests also to be gone

The Fenton City Council also approved holding a Canadian Goose Nest/Egg Destruction Program on the millpond this year.

The nest/egg destruction program helps by not allowing geese to be born here, thus the juvenile geese do not grow up and return every year to provide more geese, said Public Works Director Dan Czarnecki. This was done last spring, too, prior to the goose roundup that is performed annually.

During the goose egg destruction program, the nests are located, and any eggs are removed and disposed of, and the nests destroyed. Last spring there were seven nests removed from city property along the mill pond, along with 41 eggs, Czarnecki said.

“They did a thorough job this past year,” Czarnecki said. “We had the goose roundup performed later in the spring and they found one adult and 13 juvenile geese. They were removed to another location. Prior to the nest destruction, they would remove between 75 and 150 birds during the roundup.”

Goose Busters, who performed previous goose roundups and nest/egg destruction, will do it again for about \$500 depending on the number of nests/eggs they find. They can only go on city property because of trespassing laws.

Fenton Council approves grant

■ School district to receive \$83,688.77 for its video production program

By Vera Hogan
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The Fenton City Council voted Monday, March 19 to approve a FACT (Fenton Area Cable Television) grant of \$83,688.77 for Fenton Area Public Schools.

The money will come from PEG (Public Education Grant) funds, which are collected via the local cable company (Spectrum, formerly Charter) from customers’ monthly bills.

The school district requests these grants on a period basis to purchase equipment for Linden, Fenton and Lake Fenton schools for the purpose of creating video programs for channel 191.

According to the application, the grant fund will be used to purchase equipment to add to the existing inventory or to replace outdated equipment at

each of the schools.
High school and some middle school students enrolled in video classes in each district will use the equipment to film and produce recordings of school and community events under the supervision of video teachers.

Although the Fenton Township Board of Trustees meetings are broadcast on channel 191, and Tyrone Township meetings can be seen on YouTube, the meetings of the elected bodies in the city of Fenton and city of Linden are not videotaped and likely won’t be any time soon.

Fenton City Councilman Scott Grossmeyer explained previously that he is not opposed to taping the meetings, but has seen meetings from other communities where people appear to play to the cameras. Plus, he said, no one has asked for the city’s to be videotaped.

Both Grossmeyer and Fenton City Councilman David McDermott said they believe the funds are better used for educating students and providing them with real world skills.

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CLOCK

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passenger were traveling south on Saginaw Street at a high rate of speed and rear-ended a Hyundai near the intersection of Oakland Street.

Holly police reported that the Cadillac pushed the Hyundai and its two occupants about 300 feet south toward the Maple Street intersection before the Hyundai spun off into the northbound lanes of Saginaw Street before veering off to the right and slamming into a lamppost and Holly’s clock.

The cost to replace the clock was approximately \$24,000.



1968
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Lorraine Motel, where he was staying. He was exhausted and feeling ill. A mass meeting was planned that night at the Mason Temple. A heavy storm rumbled in and threatened to keep people home. King didn't feel like speaking, especially if the crowd was smaller than before, so he sent his second-in-command, Ralph Abernathy, in his place. Abernathy telephoned King from the Mason Temple to say that he should come. Though the crowd was smaller than it had been two weeks earlier, there were a lot of reporters. Everyone wanted to hear from King. The storm rattled windows and rain beat down on the metal roof of the Mason Temple as King stepped to the podium. Marshalling the full power of his Baptist preacher's voice, King vowed that the Memphis movement would go forward.



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King Jr. speaks in Memphis with the Rev. Jesse Jackson just prior to giving the last speech of his life on April 3, 1968.

He declared that the second march would proceed in spite of the court injunction. The speech King gave that night, the last of his life, became one of the most iconic in his long and accomplished speaking career. Many listeners were struck in hindsight by the way King talked about his own mortality

on the eve of his assassination. "Like anybody, I would like to live a long life," King preached to the crowd. "Longevity has its place," he said, and continued "But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And he's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the promised land..." Andrew Young, King's executive assistant, said the references to death did not surprise him or King's other associates. "Most of it we'd heard before," Young said. In a way, King was reassuring himself by talking openly about the threats against him. That morning, King's plane from Atlanta had been delayed by a bomb threat; no explosive was found. "He preached himself through his nervousness," Young said. "Preaching was the way he affirmed his faith."

HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO THE PERSON who made the comment about the president scanning the crowd for his next wife. If you're a woman, it's about what you can expect from man-hating liberal, and if you're a man, maybe the saying, 'it takes one to know one' could apply. Either way, grow up.

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I'VE GOT ONE thing to say after reading Andrew Heller's column Sunday March 18, AMEN!

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TO THE PERSON who wants the next generation liberal socialist to run the country. I suggest you study history or better yet go live in a socialist country for a while; you might change your mind.

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An update on marijuana laws

In 1936 a movie was released which eventually came to be titled "Reefer Madness."

"Reefer" is slang for marijuana and the movie was intended to warn of the dangers of the drug and the claim that its use could eventually lead to insanity.

Historically it became well known for two reasons — it was very badly made and contained some very misleading information. However, it did reflect the then generally negative feelings about marijuana.

Times change and although there are still strong opinions about marijuana today, the national trend is for marijuana to be legalized under state law in one way or another.

This is seen in the fact that currently 29 states and the District of Columbia have laws allowing medical marijuana with nine of these states and the District also allowing recreational use.

Michigan has been a medical marijuana state since the 2008 voter approved Michigan Medical Marihuana Act.

Without going into great detail, this Act left many unanswered questions as to what was and wasn't allowed and these have been answered over the years by Michigan's Courts.

To illustrate the depth and breadth of the problem, Michigan Supreme Court Justice Brian Zahra wrote in a 2015 opinion that: "The many inconsistencies in the law have caused confusion for medical marijuana caregivers and patients, law enforcement, attorneys and judges, and have consumed valuable public and private resources to interpret and apply it."

In 2016, the state legislature passed three bills clarifying the law and providing for new regulations.

These new laws allow dispensaries; growing, processing and testing facilities; transporters; and legalize non-smokable forms of the drug for registered patients.

There will also be licensing fees and sales taxes with the first year's revenues estimated to be in excess of \$700 million.

The first licenses are expected to be issued next month.

The latest marijuana news is the possibility of an initiative appearing on this November's ballot, which, if passed, would allow adult recreational marijuana use.

Marijuana is still illegal under federal law and whether the federal government chooses to commence prosecutions is an open question.

As they say, "it's all very interesting" and we will see what happens in the years to come with the old, new, and perhaps newest laws.

With gravel roads comes dust

■ Township, Road Commission to each pay more than \$32,000 to treat 17.14 miles

By Hannah Ball

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Fenton Twp. — Road maintenance has changed from salting ice and snow-covered roads to grading gravel roads.

After smoothing out the potholes on gravel roads in the county's townships, the Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC) applies a chemical called calcium chloride to control the dust.

Anthony Branch, maintenance director for the GCRC, said the 38-percent calcium chloride solution they use binds together the fine dirt and stone in gravel roads. The GCRC uses 2,000 gallons per mile. This is applied by a different truck than a grader.

"Graders only grade roads," he said. "Thirty-eight percent calcium chloride is applied to roads by a contractor using liquid tanker trucks."

The chemical is not applied to gravel roads every time they're graded. Branch said it's applied two or three times a year, depending on the weather.

Dust control improves motor visibility, according to Occidental Chemical Corporation, and the benefits far outweigh any concerns about the environment and health. He added that they do not receive many calls about what the product is, and he has not received any complaints about it.

The Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved an agreement between the township and GCRC for dust control. The vote was 7-0.

According to a letter from the GCRC,

“Thirty-eight percent calcium chloride is applied to roads by a contractor using liquid tanker trucks.”

Anthony Branch
Genesee County Road Commission
maintenance director



38-percent calcium chloride costs \$0.624 a gallon at an application rate of 2,000 gallons per one mile. This is a 3-percent increase from 2017.

The GCRC grades 17.14 miles of gravel roadway in the township. Fenton Township and Genesee County Road Commission will split the cost. Each are estimated to pay \$32,086.08 for three applications of the chemical.

For Argentine Township's 45.87 miles of gravel road graded by the GCRC, the township and GCRC will each pay \$85,868.64 for three applications for dust control.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

HEY, YOU WANT potholes fixed? Call your city or township. If that doesn't work, call your county road commissioner and if that doesn't work, call your MDOT service center. Keep calling. It will happen. MDOT doesn't want to hear from you. Just keep calling, believe me it will work.

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SO, THE LIVINGSTON County sheriff gave me the phone number to the county commissioner, who I called twice a day for 30 days with no answer, no return phone call. Wow, do you think your vote counts?

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HELLER'S ARTICLE ABOUT teachers was so true. As I read the article, I kept nodding my head in agreement. No wonder there is a shortage of teachers. Well done. Thank you.

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THE CONSERVATIVES BELIEVE that each individual should make his own choices so long as those choices don't impact anyone else's rights or result in government led social programs funded by their tax dollars. Your liberal logic was close but was once again incorrect.

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CONSTABLE

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Katherine said she has completed documents for the EEOC (Equal Employment Opportunity Commission) regarding the actions involving township personnel and the letter of resignation they had her husband sign.

"We are also working with an attorney," she said.

Scheib-Snyder said Tuesday that Dave Plewes, the township's zoning administrator has been doing the work of the constable for a couple of years. He and Bair worked together previously on some code enforcement issues.

On whether the township continues with a constable or eliminates the position by leaving it off the ballot, which they can legally do, it will be a Board of Trustees decision, Scheib-Snyder said.

"Overall, I think as far as the township goes, eliminating the position and taking it off the ballot would be the way to go," she said. "But it is a board decision."

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CEMETERY

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Approximately 34 residents who live near the proposed cemetery used the public forum to share their research and their concerns, and ask questions of Siddiqui and the Planning Commission. While always civil, things did get heated.

"We weren't expecting that, and we took it very seriously," Siddiqui said. Alarmed by the response he received, he changed the cemetery plans and did more research.

Last week, he took the revised plan before the Planning Commission, which then bounced it to Livingston County to clarify if his cemetery plan meets county requirements.

Siddiqui is a Sufi Muslim. His family owns the property on which the proposed 10-acre parcel is located. By comparison, Fenton's Oakwood Cemetery is on more than 40 acres. His company, Yasin LLC, turned in preliminary plans for the Tyrone Township Planning Commission to discuss, and give residents a chance to air their concerns.

These concerns included potential noise pollution, adverse affects on property values and increased traffic on the roads.

Siddiqui changed the cemetery plans and looked into how ground water is affected by a natural burial, and drafted a document addressing these concerns. "As

Tyrone Township residents, we share the same values and concerns of our neighbors and were pleased to see concerned citizens participating so heavily in this process," wrote Siddiqui in the document for the township.

The original plan was for a potential 3,847 gravesites, which he has since reduced to 1,589 plots, for a loss of \$6.7 million in potential revenue.

"We increased the amount of open space for the property as well," he said. "The plan for the proposed cemetery also locates the burial sites farther from the road so that they will not be visible from the road frontage."

They also established set hours of operation to make sure heavy machinery would not be operated in the evening. Burials will be conducted from 9 a.m. to sunset Monday through Sunday.

While residents were concerned with the large number of potential burials and the hours of operation, the biggest concern was groundwater since Tyrone Township residents are on a well.

While the cemetery will be open to the entire community for burial, a large percentage of those interred will be Muslim. Traditionally, Muslims are not buried in a vault or coffin — they are wrapped in a shroud and placed directly into the earth with a stone placed on top.

This method is sometimes called a

“As Tyrone Township residents, we share the same values and concerns of our neighbors and were pleased to see concerned citizens participating so heavily in this process.”

Hasan Siddiqui
Director of proposed cemetery development

"green burial" because there is no metal coffin, treated wood, or several gallons of embalming fluid being used. This is what the cemetery will offer.

Siddiqui argues that "the traditional method of burying the dead within 24 hours, with no embalming, and directly in the ground with no casket is the safest and most non-environmental-threatening system."

According to BusinessInsider.com, green burials might actually be better for the environment. The combined weight of steel, treated wood and gallons of embalming fluid can add up to thousands of pounds. This embalming fluid will likely still end up in the water table, according to an April 2016 article.

Currently, Siddiqui is waiting to hear

back from Livingston County. "We understand the committee and the public's concerns," he said. "We also understand that this is a process and it takes time to make sure that all of the township and county's guidelines are met to ensure public safety. We're definitely hoping to meet all the criteria and to show our fellow residents that their concerns have been heard."

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HOLLYWOOD

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"It was Celine Dion. And your high register reminded me of her, and I am paying you big props."

Katy Perry called Linkowski's voice "really impressive" and said if she is open to molding and coaching, she has a lot of potential.

Bryan went a step further, saying she has what it takes to possibly win the competition. "You just had magic in your voice. I don't know how to describe it, but you've just got the magic in you," he said. "Be careful, you're going to go high in this thing. I'm calling it."

The show also presented Linkowski's personal story, as a homeschooled teen and the oldest of 10 children of Craig and Tamara Linkowski. Giving her a maturity beyond her years was her mother's ill health, as Linkowski was growing up.

When she was 12, her mom had heart failure for the first time and as the oldest, Linkowski had to step up to take care of her younger siblings.

"I didn't know if she was going to survive," said Linkowski on the show. "It was a really hard time. I had to put my singing on hold and my dreams aside. It was an honor for me to be able to help my mother."

Her entire family was there to help her celebrate at the audition, just as they were there Monday evening, when 100 people packed into the family's home to watch the show together.

"American Idol's" Hollywood Week begins Monday, March 26, but publicist Michaela Zukowski said she isn't sure if Linkowski will be performing on that episode. "We will keep you updated," she said. Watch the Times and tctimes.com for more details about when her episode will air.

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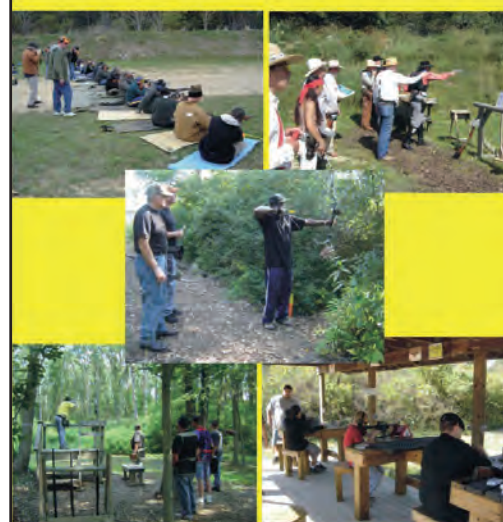
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Linden's Breitling heading to Northwood University to play soccer

■Senior defender joining ex-teammate at Northwood

By David Troppens
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Erica Breitling has had a love for soccer all of her life. She started playing it when she was about 5. And when her high school career ended, she didn't want to see her athletic career end with it.

Now she doesn't have to worry about that happening, as she has signed to play college soccer at Division 2 Northwood University next school year.

"I've been playing for about 13 years

and I've always liked it," Breitling said. "I just love being on a team, and being able to have friends with the same passion. I'm excited to play at the next level."

Breitling verbally committed to Northwood University last May, but she wasn't able to sign until February. That's when it became official.

"The campus was really cool and it was small enough," Breitling said. "It was an easy decision. ... The coaches were super cool and that made it a lot more fun. Plus, it was an all business school."

Northwood is a Division II school in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Association Conference (GLIAC), and

the squad finished last year with a 2-6-1 record in league play and a 4-11-1 mark overall. Dean Pappas has been the program's head coach since 2011, earning an 8-8-1 overall record just two years ago and a 5-5-1 GLIAC mark that same season.

Breitling is expected to play on defense when she joins the program, probably at center back. Defense was an issue for the Timberwolves last season as opponents scored 49 goals in 16 games. The

team graduated two senior defenders from that squad, and its recruiting class includes two other defenders. So it's possible Breitling could be battling for playing time reasonably soon. Breitling is excited to get her college career started.

"I think I'm ready to make new friends and play with new people who enjoy soccer as much as I do," Breitling said.

"I feel like the fitness level and weight training will be the hardest part for me (at college)."

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David's Dabblings

A few thoughts about the area's sports scene and others not dealing with sports at all.



SOME NCAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT THOUGHTS

When it comes to March Madness, one of the cool aspects of the Men's Division 1 NCAA Basketball Tournament is that there is usually someone for everyone to root for, or at least clearly root against (Duke, Kentucky).

For me, I usually like to grab the mid-major teams and pull for them.

But this year I had another rooting interest — the Butler Bulldogs. Why, Butler? Butler's head coach LaVall Jordan was a high school player at Albion High School at my first professional newspaper job. I saw some outstanding boys basketball at Albion, and Jordan was one of many great players on those Wildcats' teams. As he's moved on, I've always followed his progress and I quietly root for Jordan. It was awesome to watch him coach his alma mater to a first-round win against Arkansas on Friday. And I was a bit bummed when they fell just three points of upsetting Purdue on Sunday.

On a side note, it's hard for me to believe the first prep athletes I covered are now entering their 40s. Wow, time flies by fast.

My favorite NCAA story

Actually, the team I'm following more than any doesn't even involve the men's tournament. I'm a Central Michigan graduate, and am following the Lady Chippewas' success with great interest.

I found it an interesting curiosity when Central made the women's tournament, but as an 11th seed, I wasn't expecting much. But then the squad opened the tourney with a 78-69 victory against LSU. That was a shock to my system, as it represented the first tournament win in CMU women's

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Timberwolves

Linden's Erica Breitling

Sports



Fenton's Wujciak capping career at NCAA meet

By David Troppens
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Sara Wujciak is going to end her college swimming career the way she hoped to.

The Fenton resident is headed to the NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving Championships this week.

Wujciak, who swam for the Fenton varsity girls swim team for two years and also for the YMCA Flint Falcons for many seasons, is a senior at Johns Hopkins University, the home of one of the elite women's swim teams in the nation. Her team is sending 14 athletes to the meet being held at the Indiana University Natatorium in Indianapolis, Indiana from Wednesday through Saturday. One of them, of course, is Wujciak.

"I was really excited," Wujciak said. "It's been a goal of mine since I started swimming at Johns Hopkins. Our team places pretty well so it's definitely a meet we look up to. The goal of ours is to go to nationals, so it's a big honor to be a senior and finally qualify."

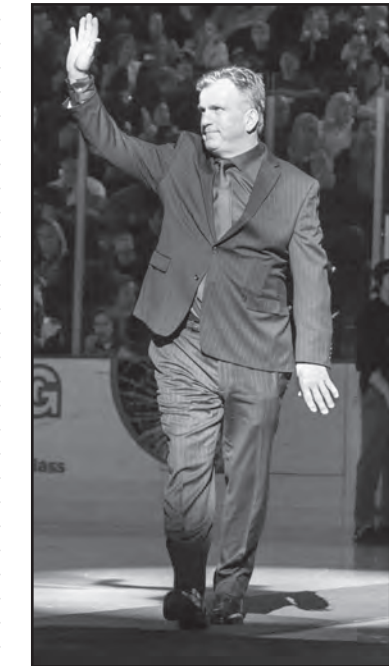
Wujciak has been on the Johns Hopkins swim team since the day she entered the school, earning her first victory in a 100 freestyle (55.72) event in a dual victory.

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Fenton resident and Johns Hopkins University women's swimmer Sara Wujciak is competing in three events at the Division III NCAA Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships, starting today.



Falkenberg inducted into Toledo Hockey HOF

■Ex-Goaldigger is Toledo's career-leading goal scorer

By David Troppens
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Dave Falkenberg was trying to navigate a snowstorm when he got an interesting call this winter.

"I got a call and I was informed I was inducted into the (Toledo Hockey Hall of Fame), and it was surreal for a little bit," Falkenberg said. "I was driving home during a snowstorm to Fenton. When I got back home, I sat down, thought about it and I got emotional. When you think of all the people that played hockey in Toledo, I was selected. It's a great honor."

The Fenton resident was one of five people inducted into the Toledo Hockey Hall of Fame before the Toledo Walleye's game on Feb. 24 at Toledo's Huntington Center.

A nomination process started in December on a list of over 20 people, and five were nominated to be a member of the third Hall of Fame class. When one looks at Falkenberg's credentials, it's easy to see why he was one of those five members. Falkenberg spent the majority of his professional hockey career playing for the Toledo Goaldiggers.

He started his career as a defenseman, but

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Fenton resident Dave Falkenberg was recently inducted into the Toledo Hockey Hall of Fame. Falkenberg scored 177 goals and 261 assists during the seven seasons he played for the Toledo Goaldiggers.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | MARK BOLEN
Linden senior Erica Breitling (front) is headed to Division II Northwood University to play on the women's soccer team next fall.

BREITLING

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Breitling has proven she is an elite defender while playing with the Linden varsity girls soccer squad. A year ago the Eagles allowed just 15 goals in 27 games en route to a trip to a Division 2 state semifinal contest. It marked the furthest a varsity soccer team has advanced that far in a state tournament in Linden history for either gender. The Eagles finished the

year with a 22-4-1 mark. Breitling had one goal and four assists, but she helped make much of the team's defensive play possible.

A past Linden teammate will be joining Breitling at Northwood. Bridget Adams recently transferred to Northwood University. She transferred from Division 1 Cleveland State University after getting limited playing time with the Vikings.

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DABBLINGS

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basketball history.

But then on Monday, the Chippewas continued to wear their Cinderella slippers, when they crushed third-seeded Ohio State 95-78, putting CMU in the Sweet 16.

So more than any men's game, I'm really looking forward to Saturday's CMU match-up against second-seeded Oregon. There's no way the Chippewas are the favorite, but that hasn't stopped them yet.

One of my favorite times covering college sports at Central involved the women's basketball team. It was the first time I really covered women's athletics anywhere, and I was impressed by the caliber of play I saw. That was in the late 1980s. Since then, women's basketball has only gotten better, and one of the players I covered at CMU is current Michigan State women's basketball coach Suzy Merchant, so I kind of follow where she goes as well.

So while most of the area is excited about Thursday's Michigan vs.

Texas A&M match-up in the men's tournament, that's not the case for me. Fire up Chips on Saturday.

Michigan's match-up

I like the Wolverines' chances of advancing against Texas A&M on Thursday.

The game features Michigan's perimeter shooting vs. the Aggies' size, a game of conflicting styles. So, it will probably come down to which team does what they do best, on Thursday night. The Wolverines have advanced despite not playing their best offensive basketball. It seems to me, they are due to break out with a big game at the perimeter. I think the Wolverines will beat Texas A&M.

I got a few things I got right & Final Four prediction

In a story about the NCAA tourney about a week ago, I mentioned that Loyola (Chicago) was a strong Cinderella pick and hinted at Michigan going farther in the tournament than the Spartans. So far so good.

Now, let's see if I can get the Final 4 — Kentucky in the South, Michigan in the West, Villanova in the East and Duke in the Midwest.

TOLEDO

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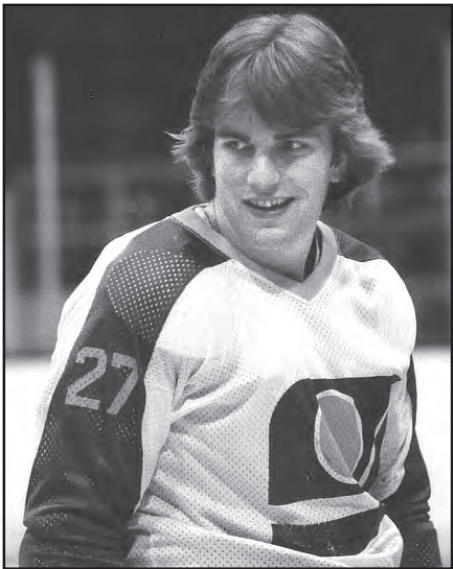
quickly became a forward, enabling him to become the Toledo Goaldiggers' most prolific point producer in team history. Playing with the Goaldiggers from 1979 until 1986, Falkenberg racked up a team-best 177 goals and 261 assists, earning him 438 points during his seven seasons at Toledo. His recorded 33 more points in regular season games than any other Goaldigger. He also scored eight goals and dished 24 assists in 45 playoff games for the Goaldiggers.

His teams also enjoyed success. He was a member of back-to-back Turner Cup championship teams in 1982 and 1983. The Turner Cup is the International Hockey League's championship trophy.

Falkenberg remembers his hockey career in Toledo with great fondness.

"I enjoyed my time in Toledo," Falkenberg said.

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COURTESY OF JACKIE VALLAS

Fenton resident Dave Falkenberg was recently inducted into the Toledo Hockey Hall of Fame. Falkenberg played seven seasons with the Toledo Goaldiggers.

WUJCIAK

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Since then, Wujciak has continued to improve, but has been unable to qualify for the national meet — at least until this season.

She posted a 'B' qualifying time in the 200 individual medley (IM) at Princeton's "Big Al" Open in early December by recording a time of 2:05.83, about a second less than the 'B' cut time. However, while she had a 'B' cut time, she had to wait until the end of the season to see if her time would earn her an invitation to the national meet. Her time ended up being the 18th best time of the D4 season, eventually earning her the spot.

"It depended upon where I finished in the standings. There wasn't a specific time I had to meet," Wujciak said. "It wasn't until two weeks ago I found out I was in the top 20 swimmers, and I was invited in the 200 (IM)."

"I'm just really excited to be there and to be able to take in the experience. My goal is to get my best times at my last meet. This is the best way to end my swim career — to go to nationals. I just want to go, have fun and have a blast."

But now that Wujciak is going, she also will be competing in some other events as well.

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Genevieve
"Mickey" Stark

1939-2018

Genevieve "Mickey" Stark - age 78, of Jackson, MI passed away on March 20, 2018 in Grand Blanc. Genevieve was born on July 7, 1939 in Jackson, MI to the late Beatrice Stark and the late Martin Stark. Genevieve was preceded in death by her son, Eric Fox. She is survived by her sons, Timothy (Chris-Lei) Fox and Christopher (Rebecca) Fox; daughters, Julia (Ben) Varner and Rachel (Nathan) Peabody. Survived by nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was a member of St. Rita Parish in Holly. Friends and family can pay their respects at a Mass of Christian Burial on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 10 AM at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church, Jackson, MI. A Memorial Mass is also to be held at St Rita's Church at a later date to be determined.

Mark Bradley
Williams

1960-2018

Mark Bradley Williams - age 57, of Hillsdale, formerly of Bloomfield Village and of Fenton died suddenly, March 16, 2018. Proud graduate of the University of Michigan. Longtime financial consultant and investment advisor in Metro Detroit. Beloved husband of Diane J. (nee Barnes) for 31 years; loving father of Margo J. Millard (David), Glynis A. and Rhys B; dear son of Paul H. and the late Dorothy G.; brother of Craig (Tracey), Paul (Linda), Todd (Charlene), Brent (Jennifer) and the late Susan Cmejrek and Scott Williams. He leaves behind many nieces and nephews. Also survived by his dogs, Booker, Trigger, Clementine and Mack the Cat. Family will receive friends Wednesday (today) 3-7 PM at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak, MI 48073, (248)549-0500. Funeral service Thursday, March 22, 2018, 1 PM at Christ Church Cranbrook, Lone Pine and Cranbrook Rds., Bloomfield Hills. In lieu of flowers memorial tributes to Hillsdale College Chapel. View obituary and share memories at www.AJDesmond.com.



Helen Czekaj

1922-2018

Helen Czekaj - age 95, of Fenton, died Monday, March 12, 2018. Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Saturday, March 24, 2018 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. Fr. Robert Copeland, celebrant. Those desiring may make contributions to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Helen was born July 3, 1922 in Detroit, the daughter of John and Mary (Pawelczyk) Groszyk. She received a teaching degree from Michigan State University. She married Leo Henry Czekaj July 22, 1950 and he preceded her in death October 20, 2004. She retired as a teacher's aide from Detroit Public School. Helen was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Surviving are: daughter, Carol and husband, Donald Beck of Fenton; son, James Czekaj of Northville; grandchildren, Elizabeth Beck and husband, Joseph Mrozinski of Fenton and Andrew and wife, Kathryn Beck of Grosse Pointe; great-grandchildren, Adelaide and Victoria. She was also preceded in death by her parents; and brothers, Harry, Stanley, and John Groszyk. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Bernice Kotrych

1929-2018

Bernice Kotrych - age 88, formerly of Detroit and a longtime resident of Highland, died peacefully, surrounded by her family on March 19, 2018. Bernice was born in Detroit, to Albert and Dorothy Collins on June 5, 1929. She was raised in a loving home where hard work and her family were top priorities. These values that were instilled at a young age were an outline in how she lived her life. Bernice loved helping others, enjoyed music, camping, gardening and loved flowers, but most of all she loved her husband Robert and her large family. She was always looking forward to family events and holidays, especially Mothers Day, where the entire family would gather together! She was a great wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and will be forever missed. In addition to her beloved husband, Robert, she is survived by her, daughters; Chery (Allen) Nicholas, Jan (Terry) Black and Denise (Jim) Short; grandchildren, John (Carrie) Nicholas, Scott (Maria) Nicholas, Mark (Katie) Nicholas, Mandy (David) Kaufman, Beth (Jake) Berglin, Jen Short and Jarrod (Jess) Short; great-grandchildren, Jess, Joe, Juliana, Ethan, Brendan, Natalie, Benjamin, Eli, Noah, Elise, Owen, Miles, Josh, Jaxon and Isabella; brother's-in-law, Tom (Linda) Kotrych, Jerry (Mary) Kotrych and sister-in-law, Lorraine Kotrych. Bernice is also survived by many close friends and extended family members. Bernice was preceded in death by parents, Albert and Dorothy (nee. Finch); great-granddaughter, Haleigh Nicholas and aunts, Lilly, Florie and Maudie. Visitation will take place on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 from 3-8 PM, at Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford. A funeral service will be held at Fenton United Methodist Church, 119 S. Leroy St., Fenton, MI 48430 on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 11 AM with gathering beginning at 10 AM. Pastor Jeff Jagers officiating. For further information phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchandSonsMilford.com.

FUNERAL ETIQUETTE

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For the week of
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You may have to trust a friend to handle something you would much prefer to handle yourself, Cancer. Trust that this friend will do a good job and express your gratitude.

Take inventory of your weaknesses, Scorpio. By recognizing your shortcomings, you can become a stronger person and both your personal and professional lives will benefit.

There's little time to waste this week, Pisces. Be sure you have all of your details set and ready to go. Efficiency is key.

Monday, June 26, 2018

Notice is hereby given that the Fenton City Council will hold a public hearing as part of the regular City Council meeting at City Hall, 301 S. Leroy Street at 7:30 PM, or as soon after as the matter may be heard on **Monday, March 26, 2018**, to accept public comment and to consider the grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for a project along the Riverwalk and in Mill Pond Park. Anyone wishing to comment may attend the City Council meeting or submit written comments to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application, c/o Dan Czarnecki, Director of Public Works, 301 South Leroy Street, Fenton, MI 48430. 810-629-2261.

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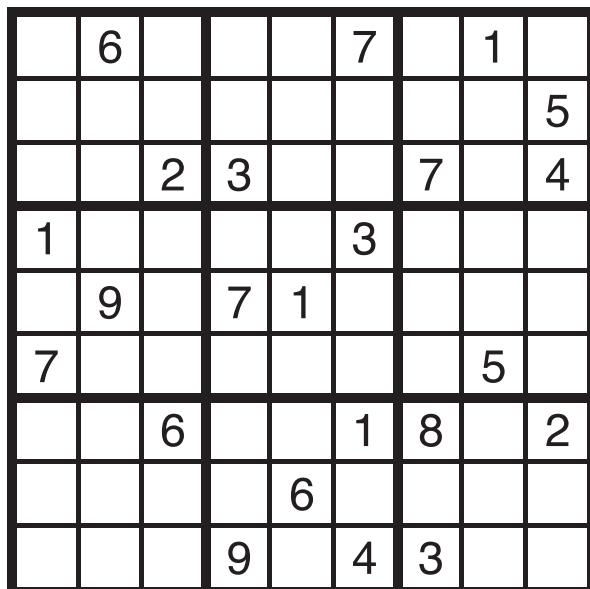
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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Wednesday Jumble

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt
and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these
four Jumbles,
one letter to
each square,
to form four
ordinary words.

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