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Reckless driver destroys Holly clock

Holly Township woman arrested for OWI

By Vera Hogan
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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 family join her to celebrate her winning a golden ticket to Hollywood for a live audition with American Idol.

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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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.


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.

DNR will remove Mute Swan eggs from millpond area

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

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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, the better insurance rates family 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.

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

By Tim Jagielo

Residents of Holly Village will 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 residents’ 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.”

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Want to save $2,200 a year?

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

By Sally Rummel
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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. Rewrapping 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 Grocery Meat Department at 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.

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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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 duty 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’ — immediate and permanently. No excuses, no exceptions.

- **Food Stamps** — I’ll handle it. No more cash. But, you will get vouchers 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 results 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 at your government office to report for work, or 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.

- **Drill Sergeants** will leave you two days a week (and it will count against your 26 weeks). No excuses, no exceptions.

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 those Planned Parenthood does pertains to abortion. Maybe you should check out everything else Planned Parenthood does to help people.

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

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.

See HOT LINE throughout Times.
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.

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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

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Community cleanups and more

City of Fenton

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Tyrone Township

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By Hannah Ball

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The money will go toward weed control. The estimated cost is $80,000 per year with a five-year total of $427,016.76.

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**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 out 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 US, 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.

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**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 that bring 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 it 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-Snider, Treasurer Paul Gambka and Deputy Treasurer Denise Hanley said resigning was Bair’s wish and that they were helping him.

Clark 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.

Clark 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 eggs 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. “We hope 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 sonar personal watercraft. They will also attack small children and dogs.

Each year, the DNR gets reports of mute swan attacks on people and their pets. They are considered a nuisance and can cause property damage. The DNR encourages people to call them if they observe any mute swan attacks.

The DNR also advises people to avoid disturbing mute swans, especially during the nesting season. Disturbing mute swans during the nesting season can disrupt their nesting behavior and increase their aggression.

The DNR recommends that people keep a safe distance from mute swans and avoid feeding them. Feeding mute swans can encourage aggressive behavior and disrupt their natural feeding habits.

**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 t 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.

**MUTE SWAN EGG AND NEST DESTRUCTION PROGRAM**

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 round up 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 round up 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 round up.”

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.

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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.

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.”
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, 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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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 bunted 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 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.

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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 “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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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 auditions, as just 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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“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 Tamarah Linkowski. Giving her a maturity beyond her years was her mother’s ill health, as Linkowski was growing up.

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Linden’s Breitling heading to Northwood University to play soccer

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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).”

Fenton’s Wujciak capping career at NCAA meet

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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.

Ex-Goaldigger is Toledo’s career-leading goal scorer

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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,” 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...
Linden senior Erica Breitung (front) is headed to Division II Northwood University to play on the women’s soccer team next fall.

BREITLING

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Breitung 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. Breitung had one goal and four assists, but she helped make much of the team’s defensive play possible.

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basketball history.

But then on Monday, the Chippe- was continued to wear their Cin- cinnati slipper, when they crushed third-seeded Ohio State 95-78, derella slippers, when they crushed third-seeded Ohio State 95-78, putting CMU in the Sweet 16.

It was continued to wear their Cin- cinnati State women’s basketball history. Their most prolific point producer in team his- tory. 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 record 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.

Falkenberg remembers his hockey career in Toledo with great fondness.

“I enjoyed my time in Toledo,” Falkenberg said.

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Since then, Wujciak has continued to im- prove, 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 Princ- eton’s “Big Al” Open in early December by recording a time of 2:05.83, about a second less than the ‘B’ cut time. How- ever, 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 invita- tion to the national meet. Her time ended up being the 18th best time of the D4 season, eventually earning her the spot.

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

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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 Wol- verines 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.
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 (Christ- Lea) 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.

FUNERAL ETIQUETTE
While issues of funeral etiquette may feel very serious or stressful, it’s important to remember that your job, as a funeral attendee, is to support and console those grieving, and to participate in the communal grieving that’s taking place. In light of this, the general advice for how to act at a funeral or memorial service is to be respectful, courteous, and generous to others. Remember that the simple presence of a friend, a hug, or a kind word can go a long way toward making someone feel comforted. Source: www.evreplans.com

Bernice Kotrch
1929-2019
Bernice Kotrch - 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 by both of them 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 fishing, too. But most of all she loved her husband Robert and her large family. She was always looking forward to family events and holidays, especially to Mothers Day, where the entire family, would gather together! She was a great wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and will be fondly remembered.

Funeral service Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 11 AM with gathering at 10 AM at Fenton United Methodist Church, 438 E. Liberty St., Milford. In lieu of flowers memorial tributes to Hillsdale College Scholarship Fund, 110 E. Michigan Ave., Bloomfield Hills. In addition to her beloved husband, Robert, she is survived by her daughters; Chery (Allen) Nicholas, Jan (Benny) Black and Denise (Jim) Short; grandchildren, John (Carrie) Nicholas, Scott (Marilyn) Nicholas, Mandy (Dave) Kaufman, Beth (Jim) Short; great-grandchildren, Lizzy, Lily, Florie and Maudie. Visitation will take place on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 from 3-8 PM, at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 32515 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48073. (248)349-0500. Funeral service Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 11 AM 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.ADJesmond.com.
Horoscopes

For the week of March 19, 2018

ARIES
Mar 21/Apr 20
A few bumps along the way cannot derail you when you are motivated, Aries. Just keep chugging forward and you can plow through any obstacles that spring up.

TAURUS
Apr 21/May 20
Find a way to work a vacation into your schedule, Taurus. You can probably use a respite from the daily grind, and a change of scenery is just what the doctor ordered.

GEMINI
May 21/June 20
Gemini, if you slow down and listen to others, you may learn something new about yourself. Sometimes you have to view yourself through another’s eyes.

CANCER
June 21/July 22
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.

LEO
July 23/Aug 22
Open your eyes to the bigger picture. Leo. Only focusing on the smallest details will prevent you from seeing the grand scheme of things.

VIRGO
Aug 23/Sept 22
Virgo, an unexpected situation momentarily takes you off guard. Take a step back and reassess the situation. Some careful reflection will help you find a solution.

LIBRA
Sept 23/Oct 22
Libra, when someone calls on you for advice, offer it without reading too much into why it is needed. You are there to lend support and a different viewpoint.

SCORPIO
Oct 23/Nov 21
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.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov 22/Dec 21
You cannot always remain under the radar, Sagittarius. Sometimes your actions will be out in full view, and you need to accept any praise and criticism as it comes.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22/Jan 20
It’s time to prepare for an adventure of sorts, Capricorn. The excitement may be mounting this week as you get all of the details in order. Start packing for travel.

AQUARIUS
Jan 21/Feb 18
Lend support to a spouse or romantic interest because he or she will need it this week, Aquarius. You can’t fix all problems, but you can show your support.

PISCES
Feb 19/Mar 20
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.

Horoscopes

CITY OF FENTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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.

PLEASE CONTACT THE FENTON CITY CLERK’S OFFICE IF ANY ACCOMMODATIONS ARE NEEDED DUE TO A DISABILITY.

Sue Walsh
City Clerk

Wednesday Sudoko

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 3 x 3 box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

Answers in this Sunday’s edition of the Tri-County Times

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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Wednesday Crossword

ACROSS
1 "Grey’s Anatomy" network (8)
4 Facebook contribution
8 Undergoes recession
12 Carnival city
13 Arthur of tennis
14 Portrayal
15 Place to find a rake
17 Cheer
18 Bart’s sis
19 Keep tabs on
20 Tureen accessory
22 Authoritative order
24 Oodles
25 Diamondback, e.g.
29 Present
30 Stinky
31 Prize in verse
32 False teeth
34 Unaccompanied
35 Make one’s way
36 “AnnieHall" director
37 Yuletide rendition
39 Mismatches in print
40 “Buenos Aires -“
41 On
42 On
43 Individual
44 "— the season"
45 With it, once
46 Make one’s own
47 Mistakes in print
48 Cabana’s location
49 Not working
50 Noble gas
51 Nation
52 Doubly thick
53 Cabbage salad
54 melody
55 Hospital
56 Story of a life’s time?
57 Lotion additive
58 Old hat
59 Celebrated
60 The owner of the Toy Shop was the —

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