Drunk driver crashes car into house on Worchester Drive

By Sharon Stone
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A 35-year-old Fenton man was arrested after he crashed his 2008 Saturn Vue into a home on Worchester Drive in Fenton at 4:15 a.m. on March 28.

Lt. Jeff Cross said police were dispatched to the scene after the homeowner called 911 to report that a vehicle crashed into his bi-level home. The driver of the vehicle had fled the area by the time police arrived.

Fenton police requested a K-9 unit and the driver’s scent was tracked to a nearby apartment complex, where police located him. Cross said the man admitted to crashing his car, first into a tree, then into the home, as well as drinking alcohol prior to the crash.

See DRUNK DRIVER on 11A

Work on Caroline Street project to resume

Weather-permitting, work on the site will begin Thursday

By Vera Hogan
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The city of Fenton is ready to finish the Caroline Street project.

Last fall, Champagne & Max Excavating was hired by the city to construct the Caroline Street connector to link Walnut Street with LeRoy Street.

See CAROLINE on 6A

Maundy Thursday

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Parish Deacon Dan Medich washes the foot of a parishioner during Maundy (Holy) Thursday Mass on March 29. The foot washing symbolizes the final supper and Jesus washing the feet of his disciples before he was crucified. Hundreds attended the Mass, which is the only Thursday night Mass on the Catholic liturgical calendar.

Michigan has dubious distinction of being 10th drunkest state

Approximately 20 percent of Michigan adults drink excessively

By Hannah Ball
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Michigan ranks 10th in the country for the number of adults who binge drink or drink heavily.

Katie Baxter, clinical services project manager for Genesee Health Systems, said, “Alcoholism is fairly common, not just in Michigan. It’s more prevalent than we think.”

Alcohol use disorder can affect all socioeconomic statuses and races, and it is the third leading lifestyle-related cause of death in the nation. It also costs the nation billions of dollars.

See DRUNKEST STATE on 12A

Drunk driver crashes car into house on Worchester Drive

A Fenton resident on Worchester Drive took this photo after hearing a vehicle crash into his neighbor’s house at 4:15 a.m. on March 28. The home will have to undergo structural repairs.

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I’m betting that most readers are not aware that the coach who died in the Florida school shooting was a licensed gun owner. The coach lost his life, and most likely several students died also, because he was not allowed to carry in the school.

Parents who pay tens of thousands of dollars to send ‘prestigious’ universities would be far better served to send their offspring to U of M Flint for the freshman year, and then to the university in Ann Arbor the next year. It’s a win-win for all involved.

Blaming guns for the murders happening around the country is the equivalent of blaming cars and trucks for all the auto accidents that occur each day.

With the wealth of great literature and media available to educators, is it really necessary to teach using books and movies that include nudity, rape, and sex? As a retired literature teacher, I’m with the parents on this one. Choose literature that uplifts and inspires.
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**An Easter miracle**

**Flu-like symptoms in February lead to heart transplant for area teen**

By Sally Rummel

Easter Sunday will take on a whole new meaning this year for the Bill and Lori Saunders family of Deerfield Township. Their son, Aiden, 13, went from being a healthy, active eighth-grader with flu-like symptoms and stomach issues in February, to acute heart failure that seemed destined to end his young life — unless he could be saved by a heart transplant.

That heart transplant took place on March 16, “3-16” (16th day of third month) and its significance with the well-known Bible verse John 3:16 wasn’t lost on the Saunders family.

“It’s definitely an Easter miracle,” said his father, Bill, talking with Aiden at their Lake Shannon home on Wednesday, just one day after his homing from C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Their return home brought all their Lake Shannon neighbors out in support with posters and well wishes.

**See EASTER MIRACLE on 7A**

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**Linden woman lobbies for stricter cosmetic regulations**

**U.S. bans 11 chemicals from beauty products, compared to European Union’s more than 1,300**

By Hannah Ball

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After years of disappointing doctor’s appointments and struggling to find beauty products that don’t contain harmful chemicals, one Linden resident went to Washington, D.C. to fight for her cause.

Ashley Gallagher went to lobby Congress about the potentially harmful ingredients found in cosmetics and beauty products that may cause cancer, fertility issues, or incur other harm.

“You think about what you’re putting in your body but not necessarily what you’re putting on your body,” she said. “You don’t want to have to be a chemist to read the ingredients on your personal care products.”

**See COSMETIC on 11A**

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Linden resident Ashley Gallagher (left) got involved in lobbying for stricter cosmetic and beauty product regulations after being diagnosed with Hashimoto’s Disease.

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I t has long been my contention that farmers and chefs are in cahoots to get us to eat things that are not normally considered food. Brussels sprouts spring to mind first. I had the misfortune to confront a platter of these abominations the other day at a fancy restaurant (meaning one with cloth napkins and no photos on the menu) when the lovely yet formidable Marcia ordered them as an appetizer. When they arrived, there was nothing appetizing about them. They looked and smelled like blackened alien cocoon pods. So I said, “They look like blackened alien cocoon pods.” I’ve always been pretty literal. Marcia was not amused. “Stop, they’re caramelized brussels sprouts with bacon,” she said. “Try it, you’ll like it.”

Right. My mom used to say that when I was a kid. She lied every time. It didn’t take me long to understand that what she meant was, “Try it or no dessert and an early bedtime for you, young man.”

I’m not a child anymore, of course. So I manned up and tried one anyway. It was a mistake. It tasted like a blackened alien cocoon pod, only bacon-y. So I said, “It tasted like a blackened alien cocoon pod. Only bacon-y.” To which Marcia frowned and rolled her eyes — someday I swear they’re gonna stick that way.

My point here is that almost no one throughout all of human history has liked brussels sprouts, not even the people of Brussels. That’s why they ship them around the house with my cousins reaching for the eggs, everyone doing the cash grab.”

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Food is better that they are unsophisticated. So they kept their mouths shut. And voila, a food trend was born. Farmers love it when something becomes trendy, especially something like brussels sprouts, because finally they can get rid of their existing supply, which has been piling up in the barn. (Alien pods never go bad.) Eventually, demand becomes so great that they have to plant more brussels sprouts, which amazes them because they know what brussels sprouts taste like and they can’t believe they’re making money off of alien cocoon pods.

Of course, no trend lasts, which is why a new one has to replace it. Which is why, I figure, kale — vile, bitter kale — is now a thing. I may never go out to eat again.

Compiled by Tim Jagielo, media editor.

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“For me, it was going to my grandparents, doing the egg hunt, and going to church every year until I went to college.”

Andrew Heller
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What do you remember most about Easter as a child?

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The million-dollar reason Ripley isn’t paved

Special assessment district would cost nearly $50,000 per lot

By Hannah Ball
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Linden — A portion of Ripley Road has been a point of contention in Linden City and Fenton Township for over a decade. Large potholes are plentiful on the gravel road, which only worsen during spring the rainy season.

The city of Linden is responsible for Ripley Road from Silver Lake Road to Rolston Road, even though north of the railroad tracks, the east side of the road is in Fenton Township.

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Holly Academy student wins state spelling bee

Three other classmates participate in charter school competition

By Hannah Ball
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Holly — A 12-year-old Holly student brought some state accolades to her school, Holly Academy, by winning a statewide spelling bee on March 16.

Anika Guru, 12, who is in seventh grade, won the 14th Michigan State Charter School Spelling Bee in the sixth- to eighth-grade division, taking home a trophy.

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Anika said. One word she spelled correctly at the school competition was “dormant.”

“Dormant”

“But the state competition is more intimidating,” she said. “I can’t really remember a lot of the words because it was so long ago. Because it was so exciting, I forgot (the word I won with).”

She likes competing every year because it makes her smarter, she said.

“I read a lot. I have been reading big books like Harry Potter since third grade,” she said. “Reading helps me study and I figured that if I do the spelling bee than I can continue to learn and know as a reader, writer and in everything that I do.”

Anika doesn’t have a spelling bee study regimen besides reading. “I just kind of wing it. When I get there, I picture the word on a wall. I have a photographic memory so when I’m spelling or writing something out, or when I need to picture something in my head, I just find a blank space,” she said. “For spelling, I imagine seeing it in my book and what the context around it would be.”

She plans on competing again next year.

Benefits of spelling

The term “spelling bee” does not derive from the insect. Instead, the term refers to a gathering of people who come together for a common purpose, often helping each other to achieve something. Spelling bees help students gain a healthy sense of sportsmanship and gain language-based knowledge and literacy skills. Students often study the origin of words, as well as the context, history and the grammatical function.

Source: spellquiz.com

National spelling bee

The National Spelling Bee was first started in 1925 by nine newspapers that hosted a competition. Currently, approximately 11 million students compete in spelling bees each year.

Anika Guru, 12, won the 2017 Scripps National Spelling Bee with the word “marocain,” which is a dress fabric made with a warp of silk or rayon, and filling of other yarns and is similar to but heavier than canton crepe.

How it works

At the National Spelling Bee, spellers must first take the preliminaries test, which contains 12 round-one spelling words, 12 round-one vocabulary questions, a round-two vocabulary question and a round-three vocabulary question. A total of 30 points can be earned. Then, they compete in round one and round two. If they get a word wrong, they are eliminated.

In 2017, 40 of 291 spellers qualified for the finals by earning at least 29 points in the preliminaries. You can take the preliminary test online to see if you would qualify at spellingbee.com.

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White House. Now it’s major news that
Trump may have had an affair 12 years ago. Whatever happened to unbiased media?

CAROLINE
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“This was to help improve the traffic flow and accessibility to downtown Fenton,” said Dan Czarnecki, public works director.

Caroline Street, from LeRoi to Walnut, is slated to close on Thursday, April 5, weather permitting.

The remaining work to be completed includes installation of brick crosswalks, the concrete sidewalks, brick placement along the sidewalk, and irrigation to the plants/trees. They anticip-
pate the work to take four to six weeks.

The weather will play an important part in completing this work, Czarnecki said. “We all know how the weather in Michigan can easily change.”

They will be closing the street to traffic so they can work safely, Czarnecki added. “There will also be some parking spaces in the parking lots that will be blocked from use, again for safety,” he said.

The project is expected to cost approximately $400,000 and is being funded by Downtown Development Authority (DDA) construction bonds.
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The paperwork and insurance for a heart transplant usually take at least a week and a half, but because of his age, otherwise good health and his hospitalization at a major transplant center, the process moved along quickly. “He had everything going for him,” Bill said. “He was listed as 1A, at the top of the heart transplant list.”

The real miracle was about to unfold. Aiden’s name went on the transplant list, March 14, a match was found for him, and a helicopter transported the heart to the transplant team for the 11-hour surgery. By Friday, March 16, early in the morning, a new heart was beating in Aiden’s chest, saving his life.

Aiden’s new heart has exceeded all his doctor’s expectations, allowing him to come home just 11 days after transplant. He does have some restrictions to help build his immune-suppressed system, including not going back to school for the remainder of the school year, “but he’ll be ready to ski and wakeboard in June,” said Bill to his son, with a smile.

On the down side, a transplanted heart doesn’t last forever. Its lifespan is usually about 15 years, after which time Aiden will likely need to have another transplant.

“It makes me want to go into the medical field,” Aiden said.

They also hope to meet the donor’s family at some point in their journey, but this would take place in the future, if both families are interested, and would be arranged through the donor organization.

For today, Aiden and his family are back to school for the remainder of the year. They also hope to meet the donor’s family at some point in their journey, but this would take place in the future, if both families are interested, and would be arranged through the donor organization.

“For today, Aiden and his family are basking in the power of prayer, the support of community and the love of family,” Aiden said.

“We’ll be at church on Easter Sunday,” Bill said.

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■ Will join 160 teams at FIRST Robotics Competition

From April 12 to 14, high school students from Fenton’s Titanium Tigers will be competing with 160 teams in the Michigan State Championships, a FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) event held at the Ryder Center at Saginaw Valley State University.

More than 80,000 high school students around the world, located in 26 different countries, competing on more than 5,000 teams will compete in the 2018 FRC game, “Power Up.”

The objective of Power Up involves cooperation between alliance members to place as many cubes into three different gravity acted mechanisms. The teams can choose between three different locations for their cubes, either an elevated scale, a grounded switch, or into their vault to store for their cubes, either an elevated scale, a grounded switch, or into their vault to store for their cubes, either an elevated scale, a grounded switch, or into their vault to store for their cubes.

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Functional medicine to be offered at Fenton Medical Center

▲ Tejal Joseph, M.D. heads up new health program modeled after Cleveland Clinic

By Sally Rummel

Fenton Medical Center plans to offer Functional Medicine care starting April 9, 2018 with Tejal Joseph, MD, and Megan Moreno, certified health coach. The functional medicine model is an evidence based, patient-centered approach that works to uncover the underlying factors for many chronic diseases.

Cleveland Clinic’s Center for Functional Medicine in Cleveland, Ohio, is one of the largest functional medicine centers in the nation. Joseph, who is a board certified family medicine physician, has been training with the Institute for Functional Medicine to obtain certification. In the meantime, she and Moreno plan to partner with their primary care colleagues to help care for patients with various medical conditions.

“Up to 80% of our immune system lies within the gastrointestinal tract, and almost 90% of the neurotransmitters needed for optimal mood also reside in the gut,” Joseph said. “With these facts, it’s not hard to see how many chronic medical conditions that seem far removed from the stomach and intestines actually originate in the digestive system.”

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The following are stories you may have missed in the Wednesday, March 28, Midweek Times. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

Former Holly police chief facing 25 felonies

Charges against Elena Danishishevkaya involved alleged false salvage vehicle inspections in 2014 and 2015.

Holly teen charged for alleged threat on Snapchat

Kenneth Dane Parks, 17, is released on a tenth, personal bond and is under house arrest.

Iconic Fenton scrap yard on the market for $1.6 million

Fenton Auto Salvage owner John Abee, 72, who wishes to retire, has listed his business for sale after 38 years.

Grant aimed at funding more downtown Fenton perks

If the city of Fenton receives a $300,000 grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, downtown Fenton could become even more of a haven for kayakers and outdoor enthusiasts.

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the U.S.

Popularity is increasing for this low-impact, high-speed paddle sport for all ages.

A look back at 1968

Remembering when the Detroit Tigers won the 1968 World Series.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHAT IS WRONG

With these high school kids calling in these fake terrorist shoot-up threats? They’re ruining their lives forever. Idiots. That’s sad.

YESTERDAY, FIVE MS-13 violent gang members were arrested in Las Vegas for the kidnap, torture and murder of 10 individuals over the last year. These illegal immigrants came into the United States from El Salvador due to President Obama’s and the Democrats’ weak foreign policies.

IF THE CITY OF FENTON receives a $300,000 grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, downtown Fenton could become even more of a haven for kayakers and outdoor enthusiasts.

Dr. Tejal Joseph (right) and Certified Health Coach Megan Moreno of the Fenton Medical Center are teaming up to bring patients well-rounded care. Joseph treats patients medically, while Moreno assists them with lifestyle factors, such as diet and exercise.

about you, including your concerns, health habits, diet, exercise, sleep, stress level, and many other particulars that help paint an accurate picture of who you are and what your pertinent issues are. At your initial appointment, you will have an opportunity to tell your story and undergo a physical exam, and we may then further outline a health plan for you. Functional lab testing will likely be ordered as well. The history, physical, and labs can help uncover any imbalances, infections, or other abnormalities, and provide us with many healing opportunities,” states Joseph.

Certified Health Coach Moreno goes on to note, “The cornerstone of functional medicine to be offered at Fenton Medical Center.

Dr. Tejal Joseph (right) and Certified Health Coach Megan Moreno of the Fenton Medical Center plans to offer Functional Medicine care starting April 9, 2018 with Tejal Joseph, MD, and Megan Moreno, certified health coach. The functional medicine model is an evidence based, patient-centered approach that works to uncover the underlying factors for many chronic diseases.

Cleveland Clinic’s Center for Functional Medicine in Cleveland, Ohio, is one of the largest functional medicine centers in the nation. Joseph, who is a board certified family medicine physician, has been training with the Institute for Functional Medicine to obtain certification. In the meantime, she and Moreno plan to partner with their primary care colleagues to help care for patients with various medical conditions.

“Up to 80% of our immune system lies within the gastrointestinal tract, and almost 90% of the neurotransmitters needed for optimal mood also reside in the gut,” Joseph said. “With these facts, it’s not hard to see how many chronic medical conditions that seem far removed from the stomach and intestines actually originate in the digestive system.”

These statistics indicate that the root cause of your illness may stem from within your GI system. Here is a list of several medical conditions that could have a GI connection:

• Acne
• Food Sensitivities
• Hypothyroidism
• Mood Disorders
• Digestive Disorders
• GERD
• Irritable Bowel Syndrome
• Vitamin Deficiencies
• Allergies
• Chronic Fatigue
• Constipation
• Eczema
• Hyperthyroidism
• Migraine Headaches
• Diarrhea

If you identify with any of these medical conditions, then you may be the perfect candidate for a functional medicine evaluation at Fenton Medical Center.

Your journey to better health will begin with a thorough health history form which you will complete prior to your initial appointment. This history will provide valuable, detailed information to diet, Rest, Exercise, Stress management, and Supplements.” The functional medicine team at Fenton Medical Center plans to partner with you in implementing these lifestyle modifications on your journey to improved health.

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"I Can Only Imagine" is the newest box office success story, released March 16

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Maybe there’s a bigger audience for inspirational, hopeful movies in today’s world than most people might think.

Producers of the Christian-themed movie, “I Can Only Imagine,” might have only hoped and prayed for the popularity of this movie, which has already grossed about $42 million since its debut at the box office March 16.

With its timed release just a few weeks before Easter, this movie is based on contemporary Christian rock band MercyMe’s front man, Bart Millard, who wrote “I Can Only Imagine” in 2001. The song was written by Millard in response to his relationship with his troubled father and became the biggest selling contemporary Christian single of all time.

Actor J. Michael Finley stars as Millard, a heartbroken man who finds God after he has hit rock bottom. Actor Dennis Quaid plays Millard’s father, Arthur, who eventually reconciles with his son.

The movie surprised just about everyone with opening weekend sales of $17.1 million, an impressive showing for a religious movie with a modest budget of $7 million.

But it’s hardly the only faith-themed movie to have moved mountains at the box office. The 2016 movie, “Risen,” an epic biblical story of Jesus’ resurrection, took a “CSI” approach to this historical account. It took in over $46 million in worldwide box office sales, as well as another $10 million in domestic video sales.

Some of the biggest Christian hits of the past few years have been based on best-selling books, and we’re not just talking about the Bible.

“The Shack,” released on May 30, 2017, was based on a best-selling novel of the same name and grossed a total of $57.4 million. “Miracles From Heaven,” released on March 16, 2016, had a total of $61.7 million in box office receipts.

Having a built-in branding and reference point for those who may have read the books these films are based on gives the film immediate credibility.

Offering a fresh take on the Bible is also a selling point for many movies, including Mel Gibson’s 2004 blockbuster hit, “The Passion of the Christ,” which offered a gritty, violent view into the crucifixion of Jesus. The movie took in $370.8 million.

Three of the five highest grossing faith-based movies are “The Chronicles of Narnia” series, released in the mid-2000s. All are based on C.S. Lewis’ young-adult novels and grossed more than $100 million at the U.S. box office.

Disney’s big-budget adaptation of the best-selling novel, “A Wrinkle in Time,” removed many of the author’s religious overtones and instead trimmed down the conflict to one between “evil” and “light.”

This confusing message without Biblical references originally in the book may have put a dent in its earnings, $74.1 million so far, according to USA Today — even with the star power of Oprah Winfrey, Reese Witherspoon and Mindy Kaling.

Many faith-based movies earn their audiences through grassroots community outreach, including church sermons and study guides tied to the movies, special screenings, etc.

Flashy marketing campaigns don’t always draw in the faithful who have been distrustful of Hollywood’s offerings in the past.

Source: USA Today; the-numbers.com

Christian-themed movies have become more popular and profitable at the box office, including the new “I Can Only Imagine,” released March 16 in time for Easter.

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APRIL 1

1700: English pranksters begin popularizing the annual tradition of April Fools’ Day by playing practical jokes on each other. Although the day, also called All Fools’ Day, has been celebrated for several centuries by different cultures, its exact origins remain a mystery. Some historians speculate that April Fools’ Day dates back to 1582, when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar, as called for by the Council of Trent in 1563. People who were slow to get the news or failed to recognize that the start of the new year had moved to Jan. 1 became the butt of jokes and hoaxes.

APRIL 2

2005: John Paul II, history’s most well-traveled pope and the first non-Italian to hold the position since the 16th century, dies at his home in the Vatican. Six days later, two million people packed Vatican City for his funeral, said to be the biggest funeral in history. John Paul II was born Karol Jozef Wojtyla in Wadowice, Poland, 35 miles southwest of Krakow, in 1920.

APRIL 3

1936: Richard Bruno Hauptmann, convicted in the 1932 kidnapping and murder of the 20-month-old son of Charles A. Lindbergh, is executed by electrocution. On March 1, 1932, Charles Lindbergh Jr., the son of the famous American aviator who made the first solo, nonstop transatlantic flight in 1927, was kidnapped from the nursery of the Lindbergh home in Hopewell, New Jersey. The infant’s battered and decomposed body was found in the woods just a few miles from the Lindbergh home. The cause of death was determined to be a massive fracture of the skull occurring roughly two to three months before.

APRIL 4

1968: Just after 6 p.m., Martin Luther King Jr. is fatally shot while standing on the balcony outside his second-story room at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee. The civil rights leader was in Memphis to support a sanitation workers’ strike and was on his way to dinner when a bullet struck him in the jaw and severed his spinal cord. King was pronounced dead after his arrival at a Memphis hospital. He was 39 years old.

APRIL 5

2008: Best known in his later years as the outspoken president of the National Rifle Association (NRA), actor Charlton Heston first earned a reputation in Hollywood for playing larger-than-life figures in epic movies such as The Ten Commandments and Ben-Hur. He died on this day in 2008, at the age of 84.

APRIL 6

1896: The Olympic Games, a long-lost tradition of ancient Greece, are reborn in Athens 1,500 years after being banned by Roman Emperor Theodosius I. At the opening of the Athens Games, King George I of Greece and a crowd of 60,000 spectators welcomed athletes from 13 nations to the international competition.

APRIL 7

1970: Legendary actor John Wayne wins his first and only acting Academy Award, for his star turn in the director Henry Hathaway’s Western True Grit. Wayne appeared in some 150 movies over the course of his long and storied career. He established his tough, rugged, uniquely American screen persona most vividly in the many acclaimed films he made for the directors John Ford and Howard Hawks from the late 1940s into the early 1960s.

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Cosmetic
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In 2011, she started paying attention to the chemicals used in beauty products to educate herself. She wanted to put healthier products on her body, especially while she was pregnant. Gallagher now has two children.

When she started learning about the products and the chemicals used in them, she said, “I have no doubt it was a huge contributing factor (in her disease). It’s a chronic thing we use every day.”

See sidebar for a list of potentially harmful chemicals.

For Gallagher, her interest was sparked when she was 22, after years of battling a disease doctors couldn’t diagnose for three years. Gallagher has Hashimoto’s Disease, which is a condition where your immune system attacks your thyroid, a tiny gland at the base of your neck beneath your Adam’s apple. The thyroid, part of the body’s endocrine system, creates hormones that coordinate many of the body’s functions, according to the Mayo Clinic. “It’s not a very well understood disease and it has many other components with your endocrine system. Conventional medicine is not super helpful,” she said. “I was never told by a doctor about how these things I could be putting on my body could contribute to it, the endocrine imbalance.”

She discovered Beautycounter, which excludes over 1,500 chemicals that may potentially be harmful to a person’s health in their products.

“Most people assume that what’s on the shelf in a store is safe. You assume that someone is regulating this industry and it’s just not true,” she said. “The U.S. has not passed a major law regulating this industry since 1938.”

Currently, the Federal Food and Drug Administration does not regulate what chemicals are used in cosmetics and beauty care products. That is the responsibility of the cosmetics industry, which is something the bill would change.

Compared to other countries, the U.S. is lax in regards to regulations on what chemicals can be used in these products. She said the U.S. now partially bans 30 chemicals out of the 88,000 that have been introduced since World War II. The European Union bans over 1,300 chemicals and Canada bans approximately 600, according to safecosmetics.com.

“If it’s about getting safer products in the hands of everyone, helping this industry to create more regulation to have more access to safe regulations,” she said. “I don’t want (my daughter) to worry about this when the time comes.”

On March 5, she, and 100 other Beautycounter consultants, spent the entire day in Washington, D.C., meeting with members of Congress and staffers to raise awareness and push for more regulations on the cosmetic industry. Gallagher met with representatives from Michigan, Maine and West Virginia. Maine Sen. Susan Collins is already sponsoring and introducing the Personal Care Products Safety Act with California Sen. Diane Feinstein.

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Family to get alert if deputy pulls over their teen driver

Livingston County Sheriff’s Office to test new electronic system with $25,000 grant

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Young drivers in Livingston and Mason counties will be part of a test run for a new electronic process of alerting parents if they happen to be pulled over by a sheriff’s deputy. Locally, this will affect young drivers of Tyrone and Deerfield townships. On April 11, the Michigan Sheriff’s Association (MSA), State Farm Insurance and the Livingston County Sheriff’s Office will hold a press conference to announce the details.

State Farm Insurance is giving the MSA a check for $25,000 to implement an electronic way to notify parents if their child has been stopped by a deputy.

“Short story,” said Livingston County Sheriff Mike Murphy. “Parents go online to sign up. Deputy pulls kid over, deputy puts in a number that corresponds with the number the parents were issued.

“The kid has 48 hours to break the news to parents before they receive an email or text regarding the incident and the circumstances of the stop.

“Livingston and Mason counties are going to be the beta test for this. Kinda a cool deal,” Murphy said.

DRUNKEST STATE
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“One statistic in 2010 estimated that it costs the U.S. $250 billion,” she said. “About less than 10 percent of the individu- als with alcohol use disorder actually get the treatment they need.”

Financial news and opinion company 24/7 Wall St. analyzed data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to iden- tify the states with the highest levels of adults who binge drink or drink heavily.

The data collected included the number of adults who drink excessively, alcohol-related driving deaths, and adults in fair or poor health, among other variables.

“Excessive alcohol use, including underage drinking and binge drinking (drinking five or more drinks on an occasion for men or four or more drinks on an occasion for women) can lead to increased risk of health problems such as injuries, violence, liver diseases, and cancer,” according to the CDC.

Numbers
In Michigan, the data found that 20 percent of adults drink excessively, compared to 18 percent nationwide. The percentage of alcohol-related driving deaths is 29.4, which is the 16th lowest. Michigan is the 20th highest state with adults in fair or poor health at 16.8 percent.

The drunkest metro area in the state was identified as East Lansing. Binge drinking is considered heavy alcohol consumption, and kills approximately 90,000 people a year, according to the CDC.

Drinking laws
In America, it is illegal to drive with a blood alcohol content at or above .08 percent. Additionally, there are “zero tolerance” laws, which make it illegal for anyone under the age of 21 to drive with any measurable amount of alcohol in their system.

According to the CDC, “These laws, along with laws that maintain the minimum legal drinking age at 21, are in place in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, and have had a clear effect on highway safety, saving tens of thousands of lives since their imple- mentation.”

Certain laws vary state to state. In Michigan, sobriety checkpoints, which allow specific loca- tions for police to briefly stop vehicles and check for drunk drivers, are not allowed. However, Michigan does allow igni- tion interlocks, which are devices installed in cars that measure alcohol on the driver’s breath. The car will not start if the BAC (blood alcohol content) is above a certain level.

The best and worst states
The five best states with adults who binge drink the least include Tennessee at number 50, West Virginia, Utah, Alabama and Mississippi.

According to worldstats.com, three states, Kansas, Mississippi, and Tennes- see, are entirely dry by default, meaning counties specifically must authorize the sale of alcohol in order for it to be legal and subject to state liquor control laws. Alabama specifically allows cities and counties to elect to go dry by public referendum.

The five worst states are North Dakota at number one, Wisconsin, Alaska, Montana, and Illinois. In North Dakota, 24.7 percent of adults drink excessively and 46.7 percent of fatal crashes involve alcohol.

According to the CDC, approximately two in five violent deaths and one in four emergency room visits for violent-related injuries are due to excessive alcohol use.
Fact or foolery?

A little April Fool’s Day quiz to see how smart you really are

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Every April Fool’s Day there are outrageously fake stories — issued by a variety of sources. The challenge is to sort out the April foolery from the weird stuff that’s actually true.

Listed below are claims that have been made. Can you tell the difference between fact and foolery? See the answers on page 7B.

Don’t disturb the squirrels

In 1993 city officials in Cologne, Germany imposed a new regulation on people jogging through the city park. Runners were required to pace themselves to go no faster than 6 mph. Any faster, the city officials cautioned, could disturb the squirrels who were in the middle of their mating season.

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_____TRUE

Corporate tattoos

The Pepsi-Cola Company, in search of more innovative ways to reach out to young consumers, once experimented with offering teenagers an intriguing deal. The company sponsored teenagers to tattoo themselves with its corporate logo. In return for permanently brandishing themselves, the teenagers received a lifetime 10 percent discount on the company’s products. Teenagers were said to have responded enthusiastically to the offer.

_____APRIL FOOL’S

_____TRUE

Crustless bread

For those who just can’t stand the taste of crusts, and are too lazy to cut them off themselves, Sara Lee introduced in 2002 the ultimate in convenience — crustless bread. Available in stores everywhere.

_____APRIL FOOL’S

_____TRUE

Pet tax

The city of Philadelphia, faced with a looming budget shortfall, announced a new tax targeted at pet owners. The owners would be charged a base fee of $10 per pet, and then $1 extra for every additional pound the pet weighs over 10 pounds. Failure to pay the tax could result in the euthanization of the pet.

_____APRIL FOOL’S

_____TRUE

Chicken manure-powered electrical plant

In 1991, Mitsubishi Bank contacted venture capitalists about an exciting new investment opportunity: Fibropower, a 14-megawatt generating plant fueled entirely by chicken poop. Finally, the investment prospectus boasted, a way to put unwanted chicken manure to good use. Suggestions that this was a chickens**t idea were ignored.

_____APRIL FOOL’S

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Bank teller fees

In 1999 a Connecticut-based bank announced that due to rising costs it would be forced to charge a $5 fee every time a customer visited a live teller. The bank promised that the fee would actually help to improve the quality of customer service.

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_____TRUE

Vodka bars

A Russian beverage company announced a new product designed to appeal more specifically to Russian tastes: chewy Vodka bars. The company hopes the candy bars will compete successfully against popular western imports such as Mars and Snickers bars. The Vodka bars will be available in lemon, coconut, and salted cucumber flavors.

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YESTERDAY I SAW Tom Perez, head of the Democratic National Com-
mittee. He was interviewed and, of course, was against the question on the
new census about U.S. citizen sta-
tus of those in our country. It is very
clear that protecting illegal immigrants
is the number one concern for the
Democrats.

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Eagles’ bats soar in doubleheader sweep vs. Powers Catholic

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It took some time for the Eagles’ bats to heat up in the first game. Tied at 1-all, the Eagles scored two runs in the bottom of the third inning to take the lead for good. Both runs scored on Emma Mossing’s one-out single, making it a 3-1 lead.

The Eagles blew the game open in the fourth with four more runs. After back-to-back walks to Heather Crampton and Ashley Bertschy, Liz Ratkowski singled, plating the first of the four runs. Ellie Klocek followed with the big blow — a three run home run over the left-field fence. Linden led 7-1. The Eagles scored another run in the fifth, but then earned the 10-run mercy victory with four more runs in the sixth inning. Mossing provided an RBI-double while Jordyn Hobson hit a two-run single. A wild pitch ended the game.

Linden finished the game with 13 hits with Bertschy, Buerkel, Widner, Mossing, Byrd, Klocek, Barksdale, Buehler, Bertschy, Ratkowski and Florence getting hits.

The Linden varsity softball team’s offense came to the games and I wanted everyone to watch me play.”

Everyone is watching Fugate play these days. And in the process they are seeing one dynamic player. When one thinks of the Holly varsity girls basketball team this past season, it’s impossible to quantify exactly how important Fugate was to the Bronchos, a team that finished the season with a 16-7 mark.

Through her fearless drives to the basket, her sizzling jump shots from the perimeter and her efficient free-throw shooting, Fugate’s 451 points represented 48 percent of all the points the Bronchos scored. It’s fair to say without her that 16-7 record may have been 7-16. No individual player was more important to her team’s success this season.

Fugate was fantastic in 2018

Holly junior is our Tri-County Girls Basketball Player of the Year

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For Rebecca Fugate, basketball has always been a family affair.

Her older brothers, Michael and Josh, played while she was growing up, and that meant she spent a lot of time in gyms.

“They were always in the gym, talking about getting better and talking about going to college. I went to so many basketball games as a kid, and my dad was always the coach,” Fugate said. “I wanted to play because I saw how much they loved it. They made it look so much fun. Plus, all of my family comes to the games and I wanted everyone to watch me play.”

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Fugate during the season, scoring 48 percent of Holly’s points, while scoring 19.6 points a contest.

ALL TRI-COUNTY GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

**Player of the Year**

Rebecca Fugate

Class Junior • Team Holly

**Comment:** Fugate almost scored 50 percent of Holly’s points, leading the squad to a 16-7 record overall. She also grabbed 87 rebounds and swiped 61 steals.

**Note:** The players on the team and the Player of the Year were selected by the sports staff.

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winter earning her First-Team All-Metro honors. Well, she’s getting another honor this year being named the Tri-County’s 2018 Most Valuable Girls Basketball Player of the Year.

“She had a really good season last year, and this year I was really concerned whether we would be able to play against other teams because teams were going to be able to really focus on her,” Holly varsity girls basketball coach David Hall said. “Last year we had Paige (Reid) who could also score, and had other kids that could do other things. Teams couldn’t put all of their attention on Becca. This year, teams tried to focus on her and she was still able to produce. And the other kids did just enough so that if they focused on Rebecca too much, she’d make them pay. She went into this year with a bullseye on her back and I wasn’t sure how she was going to be able to handle it. She played with a lot of composure, didn’t force things and let the game come to her.”

Particularly at the beginning of the season, when younger players were learning their roles, Fugate had no choice but to lead the team. In the team’s first game of the season, Fugate scored a game-high 21 points, outscoring Lakeland herself, in a 31-20 victory, and that set the tone for the rest of the season. She nailed 79 two-point buckets and 62 three-pointers. She attacked the lane constantly, helping her get 141 free-throw attempts. She nailed 107 of them, or more than half of the free throws converted by the Holly team all season.

“I just wanted to win as many games as we could,” Fugate said.

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ing and Hobson having two hits each.

On the mound, Hobson pitched a strong contest, allowing just two hits and two walks in six innings of work. She struck out five. Only one of the two runs she allowed was earned.

In the second game, the Eagles scored eight runs in the first two innings and then had to hold off an impressive Powers comeback attempt. Sandra scored three in the first inning off of RBI-singles by Klocek, Widmer and Hobson. The second inning saw five more runs score. The only real RBI-producing hit during the inning was a Widner infield single, scoring Buerkel. The Eagles took advantage of three Powers’ errors, setting up most of the damage. Linden led 8-0.

Powers kept chipping away at the lead, scoring two runs in the third and fourth innings while scoring three in the fifth but were unable to close the gap entirely. Meanwhile, Linden scored single runs in the fourth and fifth innings. In the fourth, Jillian Wright hit an RBI-double. In the fifth, Deanna Jenkinson hit an RBI-double.

Rakowski, Widmer and Hobson finished the game with two hits each.

On the mound, three Linden hurlers pitched.

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Prep Report
Girls Soccer
 ► Fenton vs. Swartz Creek, Oxford: The Tigers captured a pair of 1-0 victories against their recent adversaries. Kristen Four scored Fenton’s goal against Swartz Creek. Lauren Murphy scored in the victory against Oxford.

 ► Fenton’s JV team also defeated Swartz Creek 9-1. Molly Lehman scored three goals while Hannah Polzin scored two goals.

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Boys Golf
 ► Fenton at Perry Scramble: The Eagles only gave up six shots, but four goals were scored on those shots.

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Baseball
 ► Howell 1-1, Linden 0-0: The Eagles had some outstanding pitched games, but were unable to score any runs while getting swept by Howell.

In the opening game, Howell scored a run in the second inning, and that was the game’s only run. Howell had just three hits, but Linden only had two.

In the second game, John Miller, Richard Linn and Jeff Metzger combined to pitch a five-hitter. The only run was scored in the bottom of the sixth. Linden had just two hits with one being a double by Drake McLaughlin.

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Holly’s Rebecca Fugate (right) helped lead the Bronchos to a 16-7 overall record this season.

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