Auto insurance rates going up 13 percent per vehicle

Owners to pay $192 per vehicle beginning July 1 due to no-fault claims

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The assessment paid by auto insurance companies to the Michigan Catastrophic Claim Association (MCCA) will be $192 per insured vehicle for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. This is an increase of $22, or 13 percent over the 2017-2018 assessment of $170.

According to the March 29 media release issued by the MCCA, the increase is due to higher

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Tornadoes, thunderstorms, another rite of spring

Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 8-14

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We can talk about green grass, flowers, budding trees, birds, sunshine and blue skies all we want now that spring has finally arrived, but something else will be arriving soon — the potential for severe, dangerous weather.

In Michigan, “Severe Weather Awareness Week” is April 8-14 this year. A statewide tornado drill will take place at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11. The Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division are calling on all Michiganders to take action to prepare by participating in the voluntary statewide tornado drill.

Businesses, organizations, families and individuals are encouraged to be a part of this statewide preparedness activity, but are not required to do so. Nearly all state of Michigan facilities will be participating. Tornado season has again arrived and as most local people are aware, it can and does happen here.

Although it has been just over 10 years, residents won’t soon forget the F-2 tornado that ripped through Fenton and Holly just after 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 24, 2007.

Many homes were damaged and some were leveled. In the city of Fenton alone, more than 4,000 trees were destroyed.

About 50 homes in Fenton Township were affected by a May 28, 2013 tornado, also classified as an F-2. Most of the damage was near Jennings Road.

While tornadoes can occur any time of the year, they are especially common during the late spring and early summer months. As one of nature’s most violent storms, they can devastate homes and property in just seconds.

The average lead time for tornadoes to develop is 10 to 15 minutes, which means citizens need to be ready to react quickly when a warning is issued.

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Tornadoes can, and have, wreaked havoc in the tri-county area. This neighborhood sustained damaged homes and trees as a result of the May 2013 tornado.
I have questions

As politics morph from polite differences of opinion into chaos, riots and hate, it’s amazing how many important questions don’t seem to be asked any more. Whatever happened to assuming that there are actually two legitimate sides to any issue and the solution is to meet in the middle, where all concerned win?

Here are some questions that I would like answered:

1. Why are we coddling college students, treating them like infants by giving them “safe spaces” so they’re never exposed to an opinion they disagree with? We are setting them up for failure in a world that is insulated in results, not feelings.
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“Whenever I want to splurge on shoes, I usually have a lot of shoes but I can always have more. I’ll splurge on shoes like Adidas sneakers.”

“When I want to treat myself I’ll go and splurge on getting food like a nice cut of steak or some chicken and seafood.”

“I’ll splurge and get something sweet. Stuff like chocolate or cake are two of the things that I’ll go out and treat myself to.”

“Ice cream is what I treat myself to, more specifically ice cream bars. I like the chocolate-covered ones. I get the ice cream when I want to splurge and get something for myself.”

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**County supports Ally Challenge PGA Tour with veterans funds**

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Big time golf is coming back to Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club this year. The Ally Challenge 2018 PGA Tour, Sept. 10-16 will be the first professional tournament played at the course since the Buick Open, which saw its last tourney in August of 2009.

On Monday, April 2, the Genesee County Board of Commissioners voted 7-1 to sponsor that tour with $50,000 from the county-wide veterans millage (November 2012).

According to board documents, the sponsorship will create a “Patriot Pavilion” at the 18th fairway for all active duty, reserve military, military retirees, veterans and their dependents.

County veterans will receive free admission to the week’s golf events, which is valued at $95. They will also receive free entry into the Big & Rich concert taking place during the event. There are approximately 25,000 veterans in Genesee County.

Veterans who attend may also learn from county representatives about programs and services available to them.

Commissioner Drew Shapiro of Fenton (District 6) cast the dissenting vote Monday morning.

“Although I am happy to see this type of event return to the area, I believe the use of the veterans millage is an inappropriate use of taxpayer dollars,” Shapiro said.

“The millage is intended to help destitute veterans and to assist with burial claims. It was created to honor our veterans in more important ways than providing free hot dogs and hamburgers.”

**Drew Shapiro**
Commissioner of Fenton (District 6)

Homewoners with a taxable value of $50,000 on their homes pay $5 per year for the veterans millage. They pay $10 for a home with $100,000 taxable value and $15 for $150,000 taxable value. In the city of Fenton, for example, it would take 5,000 one-year payments from homewoners with a $100 millage fee to cover the $50,000 going toward the Ally Challenge PGA Tour at Warwick Hills.

According to RJ Sharp, funeral director for Sharp Funeral Homes in Fenton, Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly Township provides veterans (and their spouses) the grave, grave opening, marker and grave liner, all paid for by the U.S. Veterans Administration.

“The families are responsible for other fees that include a casket, the professional services of the funeral director and staff and transportation from the funeral home to the cemetery.”

The average amount the VA pays is $1,000 to $1,200, according to Sharp.

“The additional, depending on the type of funeral that is desired, comes to an average of approximately $6,000,” he said.

Language for the November 2012 “Support for Veterans Millage” Shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be imposed against all taxable property by Genesee County be increased by a new additional millage of 0.1 mill (10 cents on each $1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, Jan. 1, 2012 – Dec. 31, 2021, inclusive, for the purpose of providing support and assistance to veterans of active United States military service and their dependents, and administrative and facility costs involved in providing support and assistance to veterans and dependents (estimated to provide revenue of $880,523 in the first year of the authorized levy, subject to the tax capture provisions)?

**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

**SO YOUR WIFE was rude, but you know what they say — phones don’t call people, people call people.**

**TRUMP’S BORDER WALL is never going to stop incoming traffic of anything. The Mexicans are smarter than Trump and will just fly over it to drop their stuff or tunnel underneath it to deliver the goods. By the way, why are we paying for the border wall and not Mexico as he said they would?**

**FOX NEWS IS surely a far right station, just like CNN is a far left station. One thing CNN does not have is people like Sean Hannity, now that guy’s a Trump fan. I’m just saying we need to separate the crap.**

**THE FENTON DEPARTMENT of Public Works and the DDA must stop concerning themselves with kayak/canoe launches while our roads continue to crumble. Nobody sane will continually drive to a kayak/canoe launch when doing so virtually guarantees they’ll blow out a fire by hitting all of those potholes.**

**THE AUSTIN BOMBER bought his supplies at The Home Depot. Using progressive, fuzzy thinking, if The Home Depot would stop selling nails, batteries, wiring, batteries, etc., this would stop bombings.**

**THE REASON WHY Fox want to debate some of the liberal guests is because the left-leaning networks just let them go on and on with their whining without calling out their incorrect facts. Someone has to hold these guests accountable.**

**TO ‘HEY FAR right’ in the April 1 paper. You might want to look closer at those so-called kids; a lot of the marchers were adults. They advertised in the papers to pay people to march for these protests. Just like they do for other protests. Your comment about who allows people to have guns is pathetic. Get your facts straight and then post.**

**TO THE ‘TELL me again in the April 1 issue. If the parent of this 4-year-old had done what they should have done, which is locking up that gun, the 7-month-old would not have been shot, this is a true story. Children or any age should not know where the gun is or where the ammo is.**

**Contest to name official craft beer and wine**

**Ideas can be submitted on Friends of Shiawassee Facebook page**

By Hannah Ball
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The Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition is hosting a contest to name the official beer and wine for the river.

David Lossing, chair of the coalition, said this contest is a fundraiser for the coalition. It’s also meant to raise awareness about the effort to name the Shiawassee River a National Water Trail.

Fenton Winery and Brewery (FWB) will produce the beer and wine. Owners of FWB, Matt and Ginny Sherow, agreed to donate 10 percent of the proceeds from the sale of the beer and wine to the coalition.

To enter your submissions, post the name on the Friends of the Shiawassee River Facebook page, or create your own post and add the hashtag #Shia- wasseeBeer or #ShiawasseeWine.

The group encourages people to be creative and add a photo.

“We are keeping a list of names and we will only put forward those names that are not offensive in nature,” he said.

Four finalists will be selected on April 26 at the Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition meeting. The winner will be announced May 30. The official beer and wine will be released at the RiverFest on June 24.

“The winner of the craft beer will receive a growler while the winner of the wine will receive a bottle of wine.”

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PURSE STOLEN FROM HOLLY HOME

On March 2, a Holly police officer spoke with a 64-year-old Holly woman about a break-in at her home in the 400 block of South Saginaw Street. The woman said she returned to her home at 8:30 p.m. on March 29. She said her husband was out working in a work shop on their property. She went in the home and placed her purse on the kitchen counter and went into another room. Later, she discovered that her purse was missing and at first assumed her husband had moved it. He did not. Her husband said when he entered their home, the exterior doors were ajar. Holly police will continue to investigate.

TRUCK AND TRAILER STOLEN FROM STORAGE LOT

The Fenton Police Department is investigating a stolen vehicle and trailer complaint. Lt. Jeff Cross said between March 30 and April 2, someone broke the locked gate at a storage facility on Copper Avenue. Inside the lot, they were able to start a 1994 Chevrolet pickup truck without keys and drive away. Attached to the truck was a 12-foot Haulmark enclosed trailer containing scrap of aluminum gutters and cordless drills. Atop the black and silver ladder truck were several ladders. Cross said the surveillance cameras in the lot were not functional at the time of the theft. The truck and trailer were entered into Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) as stolen. If anyone spots this truck and trailer, they are asked to call Fenton police at (810) 629-5311.

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When the rumpus subsided, King and the others got ready to go to dinner at a local minister’s house. King stood on the motel balcony as Jesse Jackson and other organizers got out of a car below. King called down to a young musician who would be playing saxophone at a mass meeting planned for that night. He asked him to play a favorite gospel song, “Precious Lord, Take My Hand.”

As King wondered aloud whether he needed a topcoat, there was a sharp sound. Some thought it was a firecracker, or a car backfiring. Martin Luther King Jr. had been shot in the face. He died shortly afterwards at a hospital.

Aftermath

More than 100 American cities exploded in violence when King was assassinated. Most of the bullets and firebombs fell in urban black neighborhoods. Some 65,000 troops were called for riot duty. Thirty-nine people died and tens of thousands were arrested, most of them African Americans.

On April 8, a second civil rights march was finally held in Memphis. This one was peaceful. It was a memorial march. King’s widow, Coretta Scott King, and their four children led 20,000 people through downtown Memphis. She later told the crowd that her husband had lived a “redemptive life” and had died for what he believed in — a nation transformed into a society of love, justice, peace and brotherhood.

The funeral for Martin Luther King Jr. was held the next day, April 9, in Atlanta. His old friend, the Rev. Ralph Abernathy, conducted the service at King’s home church, Ebenezer Baptist. Civil rights leaders, entertainers, and four presidential candidates attended the service. Some 60,000 people listened on loudspeakers outside, then joined in the funeral procession.

A second service was held at King’s alma mater, Morehouse College. School President Benjamin Mays gave the eulogy. He said God had called on King to teach the nation and the world about humanity and nonviolence.

Mays then called on the nation to calm its violent reaction to King’s death. “If we love Martin Luther King Jr., and respect him, as this crowd surely testifies, let us see to it that he did not die in vain; let us see to it that we do not dishonor his name by trying to solve our problems through rioting in the streets. Violence was foreign to his nature,” Mays said.

King was buried in his Atlanta neighborhood near Ebenezer Baptist Church. A wooden farm wagon, pulled by mules, carried his casket to the cemetery to symbolize King’s dedication to the lives and the rights of poor people.

Goodrich teen’s ‘American Idol’ dream ends

Genavieve Linkowski is cut during Hollywood Week’s second Solo Round on April 1

By Sally Rummel

Genavieve Linkowski, 19, was hopeful she’d be among the top 50 contestants on “American Idol” following her solo audition during Hollywood Week.

The episode featuring Linkowski’s performance aired Sunday, April 1 on ABC-TV.

Belting out Keshia’s song, “Pray-ing,” with a live band behind her, Linkowski was eliminated by celebrity judges Katy Perry, Lionel Ritchie and Luke Bryan. She was one of 77 contestants chosen to perform in this solo audition, and the field was narrowed to 50.

It was a surprise ending for Linkowski’s family and fans, especially after Ritchie had compared her voice to that of Celine Dion during her first audition in Nashville.

But the 19-year-old doesn’t appear to be discouraged by this latest setback in her career. She posted these comments on social media on April 2:

“I cannot express how amazing of an experience I had on this show, and even though my American Idol journey ended, I believe it’s just the beginning for so much more! I just want to thank each of you for all the support you’ve given to me and continue to give me. It means so much! I won’t give up on my dream because I know this is God’s call that He has for me, and God’s will is better than anything I could ever imagine! I ask Him to take me however far He wants me to go, and He did! And I couldn’t be happier! I came out with a clear conscience and no regrets! And I also came out with so many new beautiful people in my life that I love so much! I will hold this experience in my heart forever. It was just another stepping stone in my walk with Christ and I’m so honored that I got to experience it! Thank you @americanidol for allowing me to be on the show and share what I have with America! The best is yet to come!”

Linkowski is the oldest of 10 children of Craig and Tamara Linkowski, who reside in Atlas Township, near Goodrich. She was homeschooled throughout her childhood years and now helps homeschool her younger siblings.

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American Legion meeting

The American Legion Fenton Post will hold its meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10 at John’s Pizzeria, 1492 N. LeRoy St., Fenton.
Amending the United States Constitution

Last week there was an op-ed article in the New York Times by former United States Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens, which talked about the impact of recent demagoguery in Washington, D.C., by schoolchildren for new gun control laws.

He supports this movement but doesn’t believe it will be effective in view of the framers for which we should hold that there is an individual right to bear arms under the Second Amendment. Instead, he believes that the best way for them to be successful is for the movement to demand that the amendment be repealed. He is not the first person to suggest this.

It is very unlikely that there will be a repeal, which would require a new constitutional amendment. However if someone wanted to try, how would it be done and how long would it take?

The answers are found in Article Five of the United States Constitution, which provides that constitutional amendments can be enacted in one of two ways with both requiring two separate steps.

The first is when two thirds of both houses of Congress approve the proposed amendment. The second is when two thirds of the state legislatures call for a constitutional convention to consider an amendment.

Thereafter and as to both possibilities, three fourths of the states must ratify the amendment for it to go into effect.

As to time — it all depends. For example, it took over 200 years for the Twenty Seventh Amendment to be ratified.

Statistically, since 1789 Congress has proposed more than 11,000 amendments with only 33 sent to the states, and only 27 were ratified. There has never been a new constitutional convention. The intent of the framers was to make it difficult to amend the Constitution for a variety of reasons.

These include their hope for the Constitution to endure and provide stability for the new nation and not be changed on a political whim. There was also a desire to protect the numerous compromise agreements that were reached to secure its final approval.

It is clear that our Constitution has been amended with only 27 amendments in over 200 years. This is a testament to the wisdom of the framers for which we should be grateful.

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At the Monday, March 26 City Council meeting, City Manager Paul Zelenak presented a potential 12-year road improvement plan.

Current condition of roads

On a scale of one to 10, Linden roads were judged based on the PASER (Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating) scale in 2014. A rating of 10 is the best. Linden roads received an average of 4.9 at the time. Now, in 2018, Zelenak said the roads average a 3.3 rating. There are numerous roads between a 6-10 rating.

With certain roads, crack sealing could extend the life five to 10 years. But when roads have major cracking, they need to be reconstructed.

Road Improvement Plan

The plan identifies the roads in the worst condition. The first plan is the Bridge Street improvement plan, which costs more than $1 million and includes fixing the water mains beneath the road. The plan includes studying the infrastructure under the roads before any construction is done to identify any problems that need to be fixed.

The total cost estimate for the 12-year plan is nearly $12 million, which includes rehabilitation/reconstruction, payments on current bonds and other debt, local and major road repairs and maintenance costs.

Current funding for roads

There’s a slight increase in the amount of funding the city receives for Act 51 revenues, which can only be used for roads, and that’s maintenance-based. It’s not fair, there’s no equality to it,” she said. She also took issue with the plan because certain subdivision and roads would be redone before others.

Clerk Lynn Henry said roughly 50 percent of Linden residents have paid for an assessment district. Zelenak said many people who have paid for assessment districts have moved out of the city. He said they can’t enter into a bond agreement because they don’t have a total revenue stream.

Mayor Danielle Cusson said, “We are all not going to agree on this. We have to look at what’s best for the city as a whole.”

Councilor Ray Culbert said he thinks the plan needs to be “fair and equitable.” and that they will lose people who will say, “I paid my assessment and now I’m paying his fair share.”

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Main Street in downtown Linden is littered with big potholes. Residents frequently complain about the condition of the road, and Mayor Pro Tem Heather MacDermaid spoke against the idea, citing the residents who have paid for special assessment districts for their roads. She said it’s not fair to fix everyone’s road with a millage when a large portion of the city has already paid for their own roads with a special assessment district.

She would prefer a millage that’s maintenance-based. “It’s not fair, there’s no equality to it,” she said. She also took issue with the plan because certain subdivision and roads would be redone before others.

Clerk Lynn Henry said roughly 40 percent of Linden residents have paid for an assessment district. Zelenak said many people who have paid for assessment districts have moved out of the city. He said they can’t enter into a bond agreement because they don’t have a total revenue stream.

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The winter that just won’t quit

Don’t get excited about spring yet; below-average temps just might hold on awhile longer

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It could be worse.
The first week of April often goes far beyond the “April showers bring May flowers” adage. This week in the tri-county area, we’re looking at rain, snow, cold and wind — just about everything except warm and sunny spring-like temperatures.

ABC-TV12 Chief Meteorologist JR Kirtek isn’t too surprised.

“We’re used to just about everything around here, so I wouldn’t call it ‘wacky’ as much as disappointing,” he said. “We may have a few decent days from time to time, but overall, it looks like temperatures will continue to run at below-average levels for a couple more weeks,” he said.

Kirtek blames this on La Niña that dominated weather conditions in the winter for the second year in a row, took it continues to linger.

“The winter that just won’t quit

La Niña is the direct opposite of El Niño, and occurs when sea surface temps just might hold on from the northwest,” Kirtek said.

There’s a chance we’ll warm up from April through June, but there’s no guarantee. Kirtek said the 90-day temperature outlook for April-June calls for a 40-percent chance of above-average temperatures, a 33-percent chance of normal temperatures and a 27-percent chance that temperatures will stay below the average.

“If the 90-day forecast pans out, we’d have to have decent warming taking place for May and June,” Kirtek said. “We will have to wait and see. Personally, I wouldn’t be surprised to see below-average temps hold for awhile.”

A look at past early April weather reminds us just how fickle this month can be:

First, let’s remember how we felt in March, which brought us below average temperatures for most of the month. The average high is 47 degrees and the average low is 29. Our average temperature for the month was 33 degrees, according to The Weather Channel.

Average annual temperatures for April start out in the upper 40s and climb to the upper 50s in the last half of the month.

The winter that just won’t quit

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Get your chicks, but check your zoning

Locally, from now until June, there will be baby chickens, turkeys and ducks for sale, which can be used for eggs, poultry, or breeding. These birds are at a local feed store and at several farms in the area. They can be purchased at Great Lakes Park, Family Farm and Home, or a local feed store. Contact your local feed store for more information on buying and raising backyard chickens.
Lightning safety

Lightning can provide a spectacular display of light in the nighttime sky, but this awesome show of nature can also cause death and destruction. Lightning is the visible discharge of electrical energy. It is often accompanied by thunder, which is a sonic boom created by the same discharge. It is important to remember that if you hear thunder, a storm is close enough for lightning to strike you, even if the storm seems miles away and the sky is blue.

Plan your evacuation and safety measures

At the first sign of lightning or thunder, activate your emergency plan. Lightning often precedes rain, so do not wait for the rain to begin before suspending activities. No place is absolutely safe from lightning, however, some places are much safer than others. The safest location during lightning activity is a large enclosed building. The second safest location is an enclosed metal topped vehicle, but not a convertible, bike, or other topless or soft-top vehicle.

If outdoors, get inside a suitable shelter immediately. Your only safe choice is to get to a protected building or vehicle. Avoid seeking shelter under a tree because a tree can attract lightning. If indoors, avoid water, doors, windows, and using the telephone and headsets. Lightning could strike exterior wires, inducing shocks to inside equipment. Any item plugged into an electrical outlet may cause a hazard.

Do not resume activities until 30 minutes following the last observed lightning or thunder.

Injured persons do not carry an electrical charge and can be handled safely. If you are qualified to do so, apply first aid procedures to a lightning victim. Call 911 or send for help immediately.

Source: Michigan Committee on Severe Weather Awareness, mcswa.com

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TORNADOES

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To be ready for a tornado, residents should identify the lowest place to take cover during a tornado.

If a basement does not exist, find an interior hallway away from windows, doors and outside walls.

Go under something sturdy, such as a workbench or stairwell when taking shelter in the basement or designated spot.

Conduct regular tornado drills. Make sure each household member knows where to go and what to do in the event of a tornado.

Stay tuned to commercial radio or television broadcasts for news on changing weather conditions or approaching storms.

Know the difference — a Tornado Watch means conditions exist for a tornado to develop; a Tornado Warning means that a tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar.

There are signs that can indicate an approaching tornado, including a dark, low-lying cloud, and a loud roar, or soft winds.

Also develop a family plan on how to contact one another in the event of a similar to a freight train. If a tornado siren was sighted anywhere years prior, the city of Fenton’s emergency plan included a family plan on how to contact one another in the event of a similar to a freight train.

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proximity to other buildings, the HFD box alarm automatically called the North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA), Groveland Township Fire Department, Fenton City, and Fenton, Grand Blanc and Springfield township fire departments.

“Because it’s in the commercial area, we have a heavy first response, or box alarm,” McGee said. The Brandon Township Fire Department moved into Station 2 of the Groveland Township Fire Department during the operation as backup.

There are four apartment units in the building, and all the residents safely exited the building. Several motorcycles from the Coleman and Sons Garage were moved out onto the street during the fire.

The building at 101 N. Saginaw St. in Holly looks unfazed by a fire, but it sustained interior damage on the upper floor.

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New research could lead to a way to halt the brain damage triggered by amyloid plaques while Alzheimer’s disease is still in its early stages, perhaps before symptoms appear.

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The findings, available in the Journal of Clinical Investigation, could lead to a way to halt the brain damage triggered by amyloid plaques while the disease is still in its early stages, perhaps before symptoms appear.

“Many people build up amyloid over many years, and the brain just can’t get rid of it,” said senior author David Holtzman, MD, the Andrew B. and Gretchen P. Jones Professor and head of the Department of Neurology. “By removing plaques, if we start early enough, we may be able to stop the changes to the brain that result in forgetfulness, confusion and cognitive decline.”

The researchers tested several antibodies that recognize human APOE in mice genetically predisposed to develop amyloid plaques. The APOE genes of the mice had been replaced with a human APOE gene. The antibodies were developed in collaboration with Denali Therapeutics.

For six weeks, the mice were given weekly injections of placebo or antibodies against APOE. Then, the researchers measured the amount of plaques in their brains. One antibody—called HAE-4—cut the level of plaques by half.

Moreover, HAE-4 had no effect on APOE levels in the blood. APOE plays an important role in transporting fats and cholesterol in the body, so removing it from the bloodstream could create unwanted side effects. The failure of the antibody to lower levels of APOE in the blood was therefore a good sign. No treatment exists to prevent or delay onset—or slow the trajectory—of Alzheimer’s disease. But a few antibodies that clear plaques by targeting amyloid beta are being evaluated in clinical trials. While such antibodies are promising, they sometimes come with the side effect of inflammation and swelling in the brain.

The researchers are planning further studies to determine whether similar antibodies are safe and might be effective enough to be used in people.

Source: Washington University School of Medicine (edited for size)

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than expected claim costs, partially offset by better-than-expected investment performance. The assessment per insured vehicle represents $161 to cover anticipated new claims and expenses, and $31 to address a $2.3 billion estimated deficit related to existing claims.

All auto insurance companies operating in Michigan are required to pay the assessment to the MCCA to cover the cost of Personal Injury Protection (PIP) benefits guaranteed under Michigan’s no-fault insurance law. PIP coverage is mandatory and provides for the payment of unlimited, lifetime medical auto insurance benefits.

The cost of these benefits is reflected in the insurance premiums all Michigan policyholders pay.

The MCCA assessment is used to reimburse auto insurance companies for PIP benefits paid in excess of $555,000 per claim. The majority of catastrophic claims involve brain and spinal cord injuries, multiple fractures, and whiplash injuries.

In 2017, the MCCA paid out $1.2 billion ($160 per insured vehicle) for claim costs resulting from catastrophic injuries. An independent actuarial consulting firm analyzes MCCA data and provides the MCCA with an estimate of the MCCA’s cost per car for the upcoming fiscal year, as well as an estimate of any deficit or surplus in existing reserves for past claims.

The MCCA claims it currently has as-sets of $20.7 billion and liabilities (present value) of $23.0 billion, which results in an estimated deficit of $2.3 billion (present value), or $302 per insured vehicle.

Since its inception in 1978, the MCCA has faced steadily increasing liabilities. Costs have increased largely due to the following:

- Michigan’s unique no-fault auto insurance law provides unlimited lifetime coverage for medical expenses resulting from auto accidents.
- Each year an increasing number of individuals are receiving benefits.
- PIP benefits continue to rise more rapidly than general inflation.

Additional information on the MCCA, including claim payment statistics, audit reports, financial statements and answers to frequently asked questions is available at the MCCA’s website www.michigan-gancatastrophic.com, and from the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services at http://www.michigan.gov/difs/.

State Rep. Joe Graves (R-District 51) said, “Michigan drivers are outraged with yet another fee increase to the Michigan Catastrophic Claims (MCCA) fund and it is time the Michigan Legislature opens the books on this association.

“The board is made up of auto insurance companies who manage the fund and we continue to see auto insurance rates rise year after year,” Graves said. “There is a complete lack of transparency with the association. We believe they have continuously refused to open their books or show us any of their assumptions.

“I have previously sponsored bills, including HR 4672, that would establish a balanced fraud authority funded by insurance company assessments and would hold all parties accountable,” he said. “I believe it would be a great first step in lowering rates and having the insurance companies accountable.”

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State Rep. Joe Graves (R-District 51)

See things vehicle owners can do to keep insurance rates down online with this story

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Here are a few examples of April’s unpredictability.

- On April 4, 2003, a severe two-day ice storm descended over southeast Michigan, resulting in an inch of accumulated ice in Oakland County, causing $50 million in damage and half a million people to be without power.

- On April 5, 1995, Flint experienced a record low of 13 degrees for the second consecutive day.

- On April 6, 1886, the biggest snowfall ever recorded in southeast Michigan wallowed the Detroit area with 24.5 inches of wet, heavy snow in a 24-hour period. The next day, temperatures were up to 40 degrees and even climbed into the 50s later in the week.

More recently, on April 6, 2009, a late season snowfall submerged southwest Michigan, dropping 4 to 6 inches of snow between I-94 and I-69.

The weather last year on April 4 was a high of 47 degrees, 10 mph winds and no precipitation, according to Wunderground.com.
Tri-county baseball teams feeling good about 2018 season

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When it comes to spring, sports fans have one thing on their mind usually — baseball.

And when baseball and spring are linked together, another word usually is with the other two as well — optimism.

More than any other sport it seems every team has visions of great optimism the first minute the baseball season starts, and for our four area tri-county teams there seems to be reason for all of them to be excited this season.

The Fenton Tigers were Metro League champions, and the squad does return players like David Pietryga, Logan Benson, Nolan Lawrence and Brock Henson who made that season possible.

“We got the guys to buy in last year and stop worrying about the (record) and instead got them to worry about what they can do to make us better, realizing eventually down the line we will be good.

We have 17 kids that want to build on our success from last year.”

Lake Fenton had a losing record a year ago, but beat some of the GAC powers. And with seven seniors, the Blue Devils look like a team that should contend for a league title this spring.

“With this group, I know we can compete for a league title,” Lake Fenton varsity baseball coach Brad Lau Rowe said.

Linden has a new head coach, Tony Puente, and a lot of key players graduated, but the Eagles still have talented players like Corbin Sines and Travis Klozek around.

“Definitely our goal is to win our league,” Puente said. “I still see us as a top two or three team in the league. Our pitching is going to be very good and I’ll make sure our defense is excellent.”

Holly had a losing record a year ago, but the Bronchos have plenty of experienced players returning.

“I’m really excited and looking forward to this year,” Holly varsity baseball coach Benny Jackson said.

“We have a great group of guys who have been putting in the extra work to help us get right in the FLM (race).”

For more on each area squad, go to page 13 and read our team capsules.

Hillger continues to thrive on wrestling circle

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Fenton resident and Johns Hopkins women’s swimmer Sara Wujciak finished her college career with honorable mention All-American honors by taking 15th place in the 200 breaststroke in the Division III NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships, recently.

Fenton’s Wujciak earns HM All-American honors at D3 national swim championships

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Lake Fenton graduate and current Wisconsin Badgers’ wrestler Trent Hillger (top) competes in his final wrestling match of his Lake Fenton career. He finished his first year at Wisconsin with a 21-6 record while wrestling in the 285-pound class.

Division 1 wrestling program.

“I really enjoy it,” Hillger said. “It’s awesome being around people with the same (athletic) drive I have. For most high school athletes they are kind of forced to be at practices and are there to be with their friends, so it was nice to be around people who want to work and achieve, and be the best they can be.”

Hillger couldn’t have realistically asked for a better freshman season. He finished the year with a 21-6 record, earning seven pinfall wins. Hillger competed in all 27 matches unattached, which means while he was competing in college events, he wasn’t wrestling with the Wisconsin Badgers’ team. This is a pretty common practice in college wrestling, particularly in the heavier weights.

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Fenton Tigers open season with 4-3 victory vs. Lutheran Northwest

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Thursday was supposed to be the Detroit Tigers’ season-opening contest.

That didn’t work out, so the Fenton Tigers took over the honor.

Fenton opened its season with a 4-3 victory against Lutheran Northwest on Thursday.

Logan Benson had a big game on the mound and at the plate. He pitched three innings, allowing no runs, three hits and no walks. He struck out two. At the plate, Benson went a perfect 3-for-3 with three RBI and two runs scored. He hit a home run among his three hits.

Spencer Rivera drove in the Tigers’ only other run, earning a hit and a walk. Brock Henson had two hits, with one being a triple. He also scored two runs.

Fenton’s pitchers combined to allow just eight hits. Henson pitched an inning while Logan Welch tossed the final three innings, earning the save.

The Tigers return to action with a doubleheader at Saline High School on April 9, starting at 11 a.m.
HILLGER

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where more mature 22- and 23-year olds typically dominate the national spotlight. Wrestling unattached allowed him to get valuable experience while wrestling college competition his freshman year and still maintaining four years of athletic eligibility.

His college career started reasonably well. He won three of his first four matches at the Michigan State University Open. However, then he hit a rough patch, going 6-5 in his next three tournaments. He ended the 2017 portion of the wrestling season at 9-6, still looking for his first pinfall victory. However, he was wrestling quality competition. Among his loses, one was against two previous national champions at various levels, and two past Division I NCAA national tournament qualifiers.

At the beginning of the season, I want to say I struggled a bit, but I was still happy with my performances,” Hillger said. “At the beginning of the year, I was not used to losing, but everyone I wrestled were national champs or people who qualified for nationals last year. In high school, I’d wrestled one to two good athletes a year, but in college everyone is the best of the best in their state. Getting used to wrestling that type of competition seven minutes every match was a change. I had to get used to that skill level.”

When the wrestling season turned to 2018, Hillger was ready, never losing another match. He started by earning three victories at the Pat Flanagan Open, earning his first pinfall win against Iowa State’s Nick Nolting in 4:30. He followed that success with four wins at the Willie Myers Open, earning all four victories with pinfall wins. Three of them were first-round pinfall wins. He capped his season with four more wins at the Blugold Open, earning two pinfall wins at that tournament as well.

The Hillger File

Trent Hillger ranks among the greatest wrestlers in Blue Devils’ history, and now has had a strong start to his college career. Here’s a quick look at his credentials.

Lake Fenton Blue Devils

- Three time individual state champion
- Four time All-State wrestler
- 241-8 prep record, including three straight undefeated seasons
- Wisconsin Badgers
- 21-6 record during his freshman season wrestling at 285
- Won his last 12 matches, seven by pinfall

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William Frederick Butts, Sr.
1954-2018

William Frederick Butts, Sr. - age 63, of Holly, passed away April 1, 2018. William was born in Holly to Glen and Shirley Butts on May 30, 1954. He attended Holly High School and graduated in 1972. He went on to join Grand Trunk Railroad in 1976 where he started out as a switchman, and worked his way through the ranks and held the positions of brakeman, conductor and engineer. He held the position of engineer until retirement in 2014. He loved spending time with his family and working on the family farm, and especially loved his John Deere tractors. He was preceded in death by parents, Glen and Shirley Butts. William, or “Pop” as he was called by all of his kids and grandchildren is survived by wife, Shirley Ann Butts; children, Peggy and Jameson Dawson, Jim and Christa Bondeson, Geni Bondeson-Claus and Marc Prevost, Bill Jr. and Vickie Butts, Jason and MarieButts, Jeff and Jamie Butts, along with 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; siblings, (Sis) Lynn Echoff and late husband John Echoll, Leonard and Lynda Thompson Butts, Joseph and Ruth Marsden-Butts, Jeff Butts, Marijorie VanWagoner, Jody and Dave Piscopink, Melissa Butts, Carrie Miller, Dave and Lesley Butts and numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation will be 2-5 PM Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

FUNERAL ETIQUETTE

When you arrive at the funeral home, go to the family, and express your sympathy with an embrace or by offering your hands. Don’t feel as though you must avoid talking about the person who has died.

Talking can help the grieving process begin. If you were an acquaintance of the deceased but not well-known to the family, immediately introduce yourself. Do not feel uncomfortable if you or the family member becomes emotional or begins to cry. Allowing the family to grieve is a natural healing process. However, if you find yourself becoming extremely upset, it would be kinder to excuse yourself so as not to increase the strain on the family.

Source: thefuneralsource.org

William Frederick Butts, Sr.
1954-2018
For the week of April 2, 2018

ARIES
Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, things may seem to be going smoothly when something unexpected pops up out of the blue. Thinking quickly will ensure you do not miss a step.

TAURUS
Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, you may want to help solve a problem at work, but in this case, it might be best to let others draw their own conclusions. Take a step back.

GEMINI
May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, teamwork is the name of the game in the days ahead. If you learn to work with others, seemingly unsolvable problems can be solved rather easily.

CANCER
Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, your performance at this week. Others’ recognition of your hard work will provide a confidence boost.

LEO
Jul 23/Aug 22
Communication between you and close friends this week is a breeze, Leo. You are able to tackle quite a number of subjects and may even plan a brief getaway trip.

VIRGO
Aug 23/Sept 22
Virgo, your week starts out on solid footing. All you need to do is maintain the status quo for the next few days and things will progress in the way that you expect.

LIBRA
Sept 23/Oct 22
Be proud of the way you are able to remain neutral in complex situations, Libra. This is why others will come to you when they need advice in the days ahead.

SCORPIO
Oct 23/Nov 22
Scorpio, others may misinterpret your willingness to offer an opinion as intrusive. Reassure them that you are just offering help, not trying to pry.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov 22/Dec 21
Sagittarius, you are tempted to color outside the lines and break all sorts of boundaries. But at this juncture in time, it may be better to play things a bit more moderately.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, if you are serious about your goals, you have to hunker down this week and draw out a plan. Seeing things in black and white will help you set your course.

AQUARIUS
Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, although it may seem foolish at this point to scale back on your workload, doing so will enable you to focus more intently on specific details and do your best.

PISCES
Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, don’t be afraid to go off on your own this week. Sometimes you need some time to think for yourself to get into a zone.

DVD RELEASES

**SWEET VIRGINIA**
A mysterious stranger sends shockwaves through a close-knit community in this nerve-jangling slice of raw suspense. In the wake of a triple murder that leaves the residents of a remote Alaskan outpost on edge, tightly wound drifter Elwood (Christopher Abbott) checks into a motel run by Sam (Jon Bernthal), a former rodeo champion whose imposing physical presence conceals a troubled soul.

**SHAKESPEARE WALLAH**
Lizzie (Felicity Kendal) is an actress in a Shakespearean theater troupe that has seen better days. The troupe tours India to dwindling crowds who are less interested in all things British in the wake of Indian independence. When she has an affair with the Indian playboy Sanju (Shashi Kapoor), Lizzie feels the wrath of her disapproving father Tony (Geoffrey Kendal) and her mother Carla (Laura Liddell). Madhur Jaffrey plays the role of the Indian actress Manjula in this nerve-wracking community where some of your closest friends may turn into your worst enemies.

Wednesday Sudoku

Place a number in each square so that each row across, each column down and each small 3-by-3 square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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**Wednesday Jumble**

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

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

**Wednesday Crossword**

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<th>1. Dillon or Damon</th>
<th>5. Greek vowel</th>
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<td>17. Sch. org.</td>
<td>18. Not quite upright</td>
<td>20. Big name in California wines</td>
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<td>23. Soreness</td>
<td>24. Do as you’re told</td>
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<td>30. Playwright</td>
<td>e.g. Rewire, maybe</td>
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<td>32. Beat decisively, etc.</td>
<td>40. Pot cut</td>
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<td>50. Hot tub</td>
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<td>48. Chills and fever</td>
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<td>51. Manitoba native</td>
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<td>58. Tending to</td>
<td>6. Lecherous observer</td>
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<td>— carte</td>
<td>10. High card</td>
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<td>40. Off the base, for short</td>
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<td>42. Proclaim</td>
<td>5 Doubly thick</td>
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<td>47. Toy block name</td>
<td>43. Sicilian volcanic</td>
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<td>48. Washington Monument</td>
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<td>8. Allergy sufferer</td>
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<td>3. Deity</td>
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<td>11. Formerly, formerly</td>
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<td>20. Deity</td>
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<td>23. Carroll heroine</td>
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