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LIMITING YOUR KID’S SOCIAL MEDIA IS A GOOD THING

I am looking for a real man to date. I want a law-abiding, gun-carrying, truck-driving, hat-wearing fellow who is not afraid of his shadow and loves his country. Are there any of you out there? Please reply in Hot lines.

‘I’m 16 and killed my best friend in the world’

911 audio tape and dash cam footage released in Akl murder case

By Tim Jagielo

See AKL on 10

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Life expectancy for women is 79 in the United States, 72 for men. Men are expected to pay for everything on dates. Divorce courts are notoriously stacked against men. Fifty-six percent of college students are female and only 44 percent are male. A war on women? I think not.

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Fenton lawn services and landscaping bids approved

City to be maintained by CJ Callaghan & Sons

By Vera Hogan
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When things finally “go green,” the city of Fenton is going to be ready.

On Monday, April 9, the City Council voted 6-1 to approve two new contracts for 2018-2020 landscaping and lawn maintenance services. Councilwoman Cherie Smith cast the dissenting vote.

According to Michael Hart, assistant city manager and Downtown Development Authority (DDA) executive director, four bids were accepted from companies interested in providing the lawn and landscaping services on city and DDA properties.

“… with consideration given to longevity, I believe the city and DDA should continue with our past contractor CJ Callaghan & Sons,” said Hart in a memo to City Manager Lynn Markland. “They have provided lawn care services to the city for 14-plus years and, in my hands-on experience working with them, they have addressed any and all issues that have arisen during the last year of their three-year lawn care contract with the city and DDA.

Smith, who is the council liaison member on the Oakwood Cemetery Board, said she voted “no” based on past performance by CJ Callahan & Sons. “That and the dissatisfaction of the Cemetery Board,” she said. “We went with a different contractor that we’re much more satisfied with.”

For the years 2018, 2019 and 2020, CJ Callaghan will be paid $52,580 for lawn care in the city, and $7,150 for lawn care in the DDA District, for a total of $59,730 each year.

For landscaping work, CJ Callaghan will be paid $9,720 for work in the city and $2,100 for services in the DDA District. The prices will remain the same for each of the three years for a total of $11,820 for 2018-2020.

Michigan legislative activity

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Thursday, March 29.

The Legislature is on spring break with no sessions scheduled until April 10. Rather than votes, this report contains some noteworthy legislative proposals to amend the constitution. To become law, a majority of the legislature the power to cancel administrative rules promulgated by state departments. Also, each state department would have to post a list of core services for which it is uniquely responsible, annual spending on these and key performance measures. Then, the governor’s annual budget recommendation would be required to have two parts, a core services budget and a budget for everything else. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

Senate Joint Resolution M: Give legislature power to cancel administrative rules

Introduced by Sen. Patrick Colbeck (R), to place before voters in the next general election a constitutional amendment that would give a majority of the legislature the power to cancel administrative rules promulgated by state departments. Also, each state department would have to post a list of core services for which it is uniquely responsible, annual spending on these and key performance measures. Then, the governor’s annual budget recommendation would be required to have two parts, a core services budget and a budget for everything else. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

Senate Joint Resolution P: Limit authority of university governing boards

Introduced by Sen. Patrick Colbeck (R), to place before voters in the next general election a constitutional amendment that would limit the powers of the governing boards of the University of Michigan, Michigan State and Wayne State to those prescribed in state laws enacted by the legislature. The constitution now grants these boards “general supervision and control” of the universities, which this measure would make subject to limitations established by the political branches (legislature and governor). Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Joint Resolution DD: Replace elected university boards with governor appointments

Introduced by Rep. James Lower (R), to place before voters in the next general election a constitutional amendment that would no longer elect the directors of the University of Michigan, Michigan State and Wayne State. The institutions’ governing boards would instead be appointed by the governor upon the advice and consent of the Senate. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Joint Resolution EE: Impose term limits on university governing boards

Introduced by Rep. Aaron Miller (R), to place before voters in the next general election a constitutional amendment to limit the term length of the directors of the University of Michigan, Michigan State and Wayne State. The institutions’ governing boards would instead be appointed by the governor upon the advice and consent of the Senate. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.
You, too, can belly dance

Middle Eastern dancing now weekly event at restaurant

By Tim Jagielo

You, too, can belly dance to show more respect for the nations and cultures the dances are derived from. Belly dancing can have negative connotations.

For this evening, Gomez brought Ray to perform with her. They danced four or five songs for several 20-minute sets throughout the night. They said that this style of dance has its roots in storytelling.

As an interactive art form, they danced and engaged with the audience. Saturday happened to be JD Wegand’s birthday, so they danced around him more, to the amusement of the rest of the restaurant goers. “It was incredibly unexpected, I went to dinner thinking it was going to be like any other dinner, and instead I have two belly dancers around me,” he said.

Wiegand of The Freedom Center in Fenton said this was the first time watching Middle Eastern-style dancing. “Both were incredibly nice and interactive which eased the tension a little bit,” he said. “It definitely caught me off guard.”

Through the evening, the pair drew from dance moves originating in Turkey, Lebanon and Egypt combined with fusion dance moves.

The signature style includes a lot of body isolation moves like the three-quarter dancing to show more respect for the nations and cultures the dances are derived from. Belly dancing can have negative connotations.

Saturday, April 7. There will be a different group performing Saturday evenings.

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Kendra Ray of Ypsilanti dances and spins with veils for the La Marsa crowd on Saturday, April 7. Each five-minute dance featured something a little different.

You can belly dance well into your 70s and 80s. As long as you can move, you can belly dance.”

Nikki Gomez
Dance performer

You, too, can belly dance
The secret to happiness?

I clearly recall a college lesson on the “secret to happiness” where the instructor placed a 2- by 8- by 10-foot board on the floor and asked each of the 36-plus students to walk across it. Everyone did with no problem. He then placed the board across two chairs about 2 feet high. Only about half of the class tried it and only about half of them made it. He then placed the board across two ladders about 4 feet high. Only eight students attempted it; only three were successful. I was one of them.

It seems to me that more and more I’m seeing people who aren’t happy. They’re not happy with their career, their marriage or their life. The reason they are not happy is that they are like most of my college classmates — they think that life should always be like that first board — flat, stable and risk-free. They want to travel through life with as little risk as possible, always walking on the easy board, the board on the ground.

I couldn’t disagree more. While I know that board would be safe and comfortable, I think it would also be dull and meaningless.

To me, the higher boards are the very reason for life.

Some of these high-boards may seem unfair. Many are painful or even devastating. But in time, we realize that the challenges that we overcome become integral threads in the fabric of our individual characters.

The different people constantly coming in and out of our lives often represent different boards. We never know what role they may play, what end they may serve or what lessons they may teach us. Co-workers, neighbors, relatives, teachers, casual acquaintances, close friends and even complete strangers each serve some purpose — to teach us a lesson, to help us figure out who we are, or to show us what we don’t want to become.

Some will have a profound effect on our life; others will pass briefly through like the proverbial ship in the night.

As newborn babies, we had no fears, no prejudices or loves. We didn’t know right from wrong. We had no opinions, no likes or dislikes. We were neither saint nor sinner. All that we know and everything we feel is learned behavior. And so we are, and can only be, the product of the unique experiences that each of us undergo in life.

How we choose to react to these experiences is up to us and us alone. Some of us will walk the board on the floor, playing it safe, taking no risks, watching the minutes, hours and days pass by. Others will walk the high board, taking charge of their own lives, appreciating every moment and taking from those moments everything they can.

Each of us can make anything of our lives that we choose. We can choose to be happy and enrich the lives of those around us or we can choose to be unhappy.

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Limiting your kid’s social media is a good thing

- Study shows adolescents are less happy if they spend too much time on phone, electronic devices

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Too much smartphone and social media usage has been linked to teens feeling less happy.

Monitoring the Future, a study conduct ed by the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan, surveys 50,000 eighth-, 10th- and 12th-grade students annually to collect information on self-esteem, self-satisfaction and personal happiness.

While trends show that psychological well-being among adolescents was rising in the last four decades, recent research suggests it could be going in the opposite direction.

Most Americans owned a smartphone by 2012. Beginning in that year continuing to 2016, there was a drop in certain aspects of an adolescent’s life. This includes a drop in satisfaction with friends, satisfaction with the government, overall life satisfaction, personal safety, level of fun experienced, satisfaction with parents, personal happiness and self-esteem. All of those categories declined.

Adolescents who spent more time with electronic devices, such as a smartphone, electronic games and the internet reported being less happy and having lower self-esteem.

“One on the other hand, adolescents who spent more time on non-screen activities, including sports and exercise, in-person socializing, and print media had higher psychological well-being. This trend was especially apparent for eighth- and 10th-grade students though the overall relationship between screen time and well-being was much weaker for 12-graders,” according to Psychology Today.

Students who spent more time on homework had higher self-esteem and well-being.

The study recognized that there could be other factors affecting adolescents’ well-being and happiness, such as the decrease in face-to-face interaction, loss of sleep time, and becoming too dependent on social media. Other potential factors include mental health issues and cyber-bullying.

The solution?

In finding a solution, the study discovered that getting rid of social media was not the answer.

“In looking at these results in greater detail, the researchers found that the highest levels of happiness and well-being were in adolescents who only spent a few hours a week online rather than those who avoided online use entirely” according to Psychology Today.

One local mom, Amy Wright, has a 13-year-old daughter and an 18-year-old son. They aren’t allowed to have Face book, Twitter, Snapchat or other social media accounts until they’re 16.

“It’s bad enough children getting bullied in real life, online is a double whammy and is awful. I don’t know how an adult could survive it,” she said.

As a police officer, she’s seen numerous cases of cyber-bullying. She monitors her daughter’s phone, and uses to monitor her son’s. Now that he’s 18, she doesn’t anymore.

“I believe that since they are children and the phone is essentially mine, it is my job to monitor their activities,” she said. “I needed to know when and where they were at all times and we’re gone.”

Wright said her children are her number one priority, and people often tell her how well-rounded her children are.

“I cannot tell you how many times I’ve gone home and seen a child giving their parents problems and the first thing I say is ‘why do they still have a phone? Hand Xbox? I usually get a response from parents such as, ‘they need it for an emergency,’” she said.

“That to me is a false positive … this is just a snippet of how we handle social media use and cell phones in our home. And our children are much happier because of it.”

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

IT’S NOT the weather. How many times must you be told? It’s climate change. The ocean is 4 degrees warmer in critical areas. Go to Alaska and witness the melt. I personally hope the White House sinks first. All we need is 1 foot more of ocean rise and we save $3 million a week.

I CAN’T QUITE understand why those who vote consistently for Democrat candidates only do so because a union tells them to do so or because their parents voted that way. Sheeple. Can’t they think for themselves?

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO the ‘Welcome to Fenton’ sign the taxpayers spent money for? The sign on Main Street by the new church disappeared about a year ago. The city said they’re studying where to put it. Guess they need more committees.

I’D BE WILLING to bet that a lot of the so-called erratic driving is caused not by alcohol on Michigan roads, but potholes. Where does Michigan rate as far as road maintenance?

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Additionally, he said about 50 veterans attended the meeting, with dozens of them speaking against the sponsorship. They said the funds should be given back and used as originally intended, to be used toward services that will enrich and protect the lives of veterans.

Had the April 2 vote prevailed, county veterans would have received free admission to the week’s golf events, which is valued at $95. They would also have received free entry to the Big & Rich concert taking place during the event. There are approximately 25,000 veterans in Genesee County.

Veterans who attend would also have learned from county representatives about programs and services available to them.

Cousineau confirmed that he was absent from the April 2 meeting when the first vote was taken, having been out of state on a family emergency. “Before I left, I expressed my opposition to using this money for the golf tournament to the (board) chairman,” he said.

Shapiro made a motion Monday to withdraw from the agreement, which was supported by Commissioner Martin Cousineau. Two other commissioners voted against the reversal at first but asked to change their vote making it a 9-0 vote in the end, Shapiro said.

“I’m thrilled that my colleagues saw the light and changed their opinion on entering the agreement,” Shapiro said Monday afternoon.

“I opposed this because to me $50,000 could be better used to assist veterans. Our taxpayers did not have this in mind when they passed the millage in 2012.”

Drew Shapiro
Genesee County commissioner

News briefs

Street sweeper repairs approved

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New policy takes effect Saturday, April 14

By Sally Rummel
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Ask-a-judge

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This was not what anyone hoped for and as a result, the 18th Amendment was repealed by the enactment of the 21st Amendment on Dec. 5, 1933. This was the first and only time in our history that one Amendment was repealed by another.

President Herbert Hoover called Prohibition a “great social and economic experiment” for our country. He may have been right but history shows that sometimes government experiments don’t work out.

Although well intentioned, Prohibition failed because the reality of the law turned out to be far different than what people thought they were getting both socially and economically.

When Prohibition was repealed, then President Franklin D. Roosevelt famously said, “What America needs now is a drink!”
Julie Brown leaves Linden after 14 years

Former middle school principal takes superintendent position at Houghton Lake

By Hannah Ball

Linden — After 14 years at Linden Community Schools, Curriculum Director Julie Brown is leaving the district.

Brown, who has worked in education since 1992, accepted a superintendent position at Houghton Lake Community Schools, which is near Higgins Lake. Her last day at Linden is June 30.

“I think it’s a good move for our family,” she said.

At Linden, Brown served as the middle school principal for 11 years and then took over the curriculum director position along with her principal position three years ago. In April 2017, she became the full-time curriculum director.

“I loved working in the middle school. I just love the energy. I know it’s a difficult age, but it’s not them, it’s just the age. I think we had a great staff at the middle school, who loved middle school kids and wanted the best for them,” she said, “I will miss that a lot.”

When she took the curriculum director position, she saw a bigger view of K-12 education and wanted to pursue it.

She said the Houghton Lake opposition was a good fit. Brown is looking forward to being a “servant leader” and helping everyone else be successful at their jobs.

Brown is going to miss the people who support Linden schools.

“This community is so strong. It’s a close community where these schools will never fail because of the community. The parents, business owners, the retirees that still want to make an impact and help support schools,” she said.

Brown has learned that “kids are kids” and all of them from every socioeconomic background want to belong, know what’s expected of them, and they want people to listen.

“Kids in general need to be supported in taking leadership roles and seeing what the struggles are, and finding ways to get past them. I’ve learned if you give them enough support they can follow through and do really well,” she said.

Superintendent Russ Ciesielski said, “Julie put a lot of time and effort into Linden Community Schools. She was a champion for our students, our schools and our community. We will miss her, but we also wish her the best of luck.”

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Julie Brown, who was the Linden Middle School principal for 11 years and then took over the curriculum director position, is leaving Linden schools.

The Legislature was on spring break with no sessions scheduled until April 10. Rather than votes, this report contains some interesting or noteworthy bill introductions.

Senate Bill 663: Mandate emotional support animal certification

Introduced by Sen. Peter MacGregor (R), to expand a law that authorizes criminal penalties for falsely claiming to have a disability that makes a person eligible to have a certified service animal, so that it also applies to a bona fide “emotional support animal.” The bill would establish procedures and requirements for getting an emotional support animal certification, which among other things would require the professional who has been treating the individual for at least six months to attest to the validity of the need. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 5281: Impose licensure on assistance-animal trainers

Introduced by Rep. Peter Lucido (R), to impose a new comprehensive regulatory and licensure regime on individuals who provide “basic obedience training and instruction for animals” (including both service animals like seeing-eye dogs and “emotional support animals”). Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

Senate Bill 641: Impose licensure on “psychological associates”

Introduced by Sen. Judy Emmmons (R), to impose licensure and regulation on “psychological associates,” with license fees, continuing education mandates, a mandate to have accumulated 4,000 hours of experience within a two-to-four year period prior to being eligible for a license, and other requirements imposed by a board of existing practitioners. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

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But suddenly, the day before the 1968 presidential election, a close race between Hubert Humphrey and Richard Nixon, South Vietnam inexplicably walked away from the negotiating table, and U. S. military involvement in the war lasted another five years.

For decades, rumors have swirled that Richard Nixon’s presidential campaign had interfered in the Vietnam peace negotiations by sending messages through Nixon aide Anna Chennault to the South Vietnamese embassy and on to President Nguyen Van Thieu. The Nixon campaign, it was rumored, promised the South Vietnamese bigger concessions if they waited to negotiate peace until after Nixon was elected. The idea was to not give President Lyndon Johnson and Humphrey a public relations victory by suspending the war before the election.

Political biographer John Farrell, writing in The New York Times’ opinion section in January 2017, reported that handwritten notes from Nixon’s future White House Chief of Staff H. R. Haldeman show evidence that the 36th president tried to secretly influence the peace talks while still a presidential candidate and a private citizen.

Throughout his lifetime Nixon and his aides vociferously denied that he would do any such thing. “My God, I would never do anything to encourage war” South Vietnam “not to come to the table,” Nixon’s heard telling Johnson in a conversation taped in the White House, reports Farrell.

But over the years, more information about the incident leaked out. According to David T.aylor at the BBC, in 2013 declassified tapes from Johnson’s Oval Office revealed that the Secretary of Defense had ordered the FBI to surveil Nixon aide Anna Chennault’s back channel operation.

Nixon was personally involved in the campaign and to figure out how to get South Vietnam to their owners she was nothing but skin and bones, they took her to many yet appointments and tried to help her gain weight.

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If not for this sweet cat, we’re not sure my grandma, now 97, would be what she is today or perhaps even still with us,” she said.

Happy National Pet Day

Pets, whether adopted or rescued, bring great joy to their owners

By Hannah Ball

National Pet Day is today, and while hundreds of animals are adopted from shelters every day many don’t have a happy beginning. A year ago, Daysie, a 2-year-old hound and beagle mix, was found abandoned in a box with her brother and sister.

Her owner, Diane Desonia of Linden said, “She was starving when we found her. She was nothing but skin and bones, very afraid of everything and everyone.”

They took her and her sister to a shelter to find homes and Daysie stayed with Desonia and her family. Desonia said they took her to many yet appointments and tried to help her gain weight.

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and cocktails, and an expanded conces- sion menu.

According to whmi.com, local officials, community members and represen- tatives from Emagine Entertainment and developer Ramco-Gershenson attended the groundbreaking ceremony.

The official grand opening for the theater is scheduled for December 2018. Originally, the theater was set to be 64,000 square feet with 1 1 screens, however, county officials blocked the company from obtaining a seven-year tax abatement, according to a previous Times article.

Emagine Entertainment chose a smaller theater and Ramco-Gershenson agreed to cover some of the site improvement costs.

Source: history.com; smithsonianmag.com

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DANCING

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shimmery, traveling steps, hip bumps and mayas, a move that smoothly moves one side of the hips up and down. They also used canes, swords, veils and fingers cymbals called "zills" for different dances.

To Gomez it’s about confidence and having fun. “You don’t have to be young and in great shape to do this art form,” she said.

She said no one needs a perfect stomach to do it, and not all dancers even show their stomach. “Belly dancers come in all different shapes and sizes,” she said. Gomez, a mother of two, teaches Middle Eastern dance to children and adults all the way up to their 70’s. “You can belly dance well into your 70’s and 80’s. As long as you can move, you can belly dance.”

While the dance can be made to be as sensual as the performer wants, the La Marsa performances are family friendly. Gomez said that if a dance becomes too sensual, it loses the point and focus, and can be misinterpreted or make the audience uncomfortable.

On Saturday, some guests were trying to watch and learn, others were a little shy, and others watched with interest.

Anyone interested in taking lessons can email Gomez at ngomez2530@gmail.com.

AKL

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Akl is charged with open murder for the March 4, 2017 shooting death of Brady Alan Morris, 18, in Akl’s family home on Lake Fenton. He’s also charged with receiving and concealing a stolen firearm and two counts of felony firearm.

Fenton police officer Julie Bemus testified Tuesday that she was the first responder on scene. Once in the home, she described the bloody scene as “horrific.”

In an excerpt from the 911 tape, Akl can be heard saying “I’m 16 and I killed my best friend in the world.” The patrol car’s dash cam also recorded Akl screaming while handcuffed in the back seat.

According to investigative reports from the Genesee County Sheriff’s Office, at approximately 11 p.m. on March 4, 2017, Genesee County Sheriff’s deputies and the Fenton Police Department were dispatched to 14170 Mofett Dr. in Fenton Township in response to a 911 call of a male with a gunshot wound to the head.

Akl was immediately taken into custody and a semi-automatic pistol was found on the front porch and secured by police.

The two teens, who were reportedly friends, were alone on the first floor of the residence when the shooting occurred. Other members of Akl’s family and one other guest were on the second and third floors. According to the autopsy report, it appears that Morris was shot from behind at point blank range on the top left side of his head.

Read more on AKL’s preliminary exam in the Weekend Times and at tctimes.com.

The preliminary exam will continue May 7 at 1:30 p.m.

THE ARTS’

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welcomed their input. “I appreciate you guys coming out tonight,” he said.

Students, parents and staff came to show support for the arts, most specifically music programs at Fenton Middle School (FMS) and Fenton High School (FHS). Both schools are switching from block scheduling, which results in one less class each day of school.

Students are now facing a schedule that could put electives like the arts and foreign language in conflict.

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Hartley said that the transition away from block scheduling has been difficult on everyone and that he’s aware of the situation. He said he is communicating about the issue, and wants to make sure there were no program cuts when creating the new six-hour schedule.

He encouraged concerned families to call Fenton Middle School administration for $140 to free up their schedule.

Perkins said that the language requirement can be met anytime between sixth and 12th grade, while skipping music in middle school for language can be detrimental to their musical development, and the music program as a whole.

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CITY OF FENTON
GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR
SPECIAL LAND USE REVIEW
THURSDAY, April 26, 2018

Notice is hereby given that the City of Fenton Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on Thursday, April 26, 2018, for the purpose of considering a special land use request to allow a drive-through window for the proposed retail building at 1383 N. Leroy Street, Tax ID #53-23-400-026. The property is zoned GBD, General Business District, where retail is a permitted use and restaurants with drive-through windows are special land uses in that District.

The public hearing will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers, 301 South Leroy Street. The purpose of the public hearing is to describe the proposed special land use request and receive public comment on the proposal. All interested parties are welcome to attend and present their comments.

A copy of the special land use request is available for public inspection at the City of Fenton offices, 301 South Leroy Street, during regular business hours. Written comments concerning the special land use may be submitted at the above address prior to the hearing and will be made part of the official record. All minutes of meetings are available at the City Clerk’s office.

Comments and questions may be directed to the City of Fenton Zoning and Building Administrator, Michael Reilly, at 810-629-2261.

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A FEW RANDOM THOUGHTS

With the spring sports season still not really getting to a proper start, I thought I’d throw in a couple of random thoughts in today’s paper. Here we go.

Monday night’s snow shower

Okay, I know most people aren’t thrilled to see snow in mid-April, but it’s not that unusual. And, I’ll have to admit, Monday’s snow storm gave the area a nice Christmas postcard feel. I thought it looked cool anyway.

I don’t know how much more snow we’ll get in April, but I made a personal pact with myself concerning any possible snowstorms. No matter what, I’m not shoveling any more until next winter. My snow shovel is retired for the time being.

Congratulations Michigan men’s basketball

I’m not a Michigan fan, but I did watch a lot of the Wolverines’ games during the NCAA tournament. I have this to say about Michigan — that was a fun team to watch play. They were an easy team to want to root for. But before Harold Verge gets excited, this tournament run didn’t convert me to being a Michigan fan. Those days ended the day I went to Central Michigan for my schooling.

The spring sports season will eventually start!

A littering of games happened before spring break, but to this point, Mother Nature hasn’t allowed our prep athletes to practice outdoors too often, much less actually compete. I think that’s going to end today. As I type this, the weather is supposed to be in the 50s today, and there is a large slate of events including some tri-county battles. At Powers, the Lake Fenton and Linden track teams will compete, while Linden varsity girls soccer travels to Lake Fenton. It’ll be nice to finally get to a couple of outdoor games.

Joey Spencer’s second fight

I’m pretty pumped about this. I remember going to Spencer’s house and talking to him about one of his amateur boxing tournaments he won, but never really getting a chance to see him compete. He may be the greatest athlete I’ve covered but never personally watched compete. Plus, he’s just a good person as well. He’s very easy to cheer for. Good luck on Friday, Joey.

Holly shocked the Flint area by becoming one of three teams to earn the Metro League crown last season, and should be solid again this season. Returning is the 2017 Tri-County Softball Player of the Year, Madisen Beesley. Some other strong players return. Gillian Cohoon is a returning first-team All-Metro player as well. However, there are many new faces as well.

“We are a young team this year,” Lake Fenton softball coach Scott Culver said. “We don’t have the experience we had last year, but they are putting in a lot of work during the open gym we are having. Our goal is to get better every day.”

Linden had 38 players try out this spring, so there is plenty of enthusiasm surrounding the program. The Eagles also return players like Elizabeth Ra-kowski, Jillian Winder and Ashley Bertsch. All three earned some level of all-league status a year ago.

“I think we are going to be pretty competitive,” Linden varsity softball coach Gordon Jamison said. “We’re looking to be competitive in both leagues and districts.”

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**2018 TRI-COUNTY SOFTBALL PREVIEWS**

**LAKES FENFON BLUE DEVILS**

**Coach:** Amos Rinks

**Last year:** 23-12 overall, 10-0 in the GAC.

**Graduated All T-C players:** Allison Pettis

**Returning All T-C players:** Taylor Godlewski, Erin Ezell

**Summary:** The Blue Devils have become a Genesee Area Conference power, and may end the conference’s final season the same way. Lake Fenton returns starting pitcher Taylor Godlewski. Two other pitchers will play pivotal roles — sophomore Kamaya Whitaker and freshman Ally Postal.

**Coaching Rinks says:** “I really feel like we are going to be a better team this year than last year. It may be a little rough at the start because we have not been able to go outside and do what we have to do, but everyone has that issue. We have a really good infield and we turn a lot of double plays that you see in baseball but you usually don’t see in softball.”

**Projection:** The Blue Devils are the favorites to repeat in the GAC Red until someone else proves otherwise. The Blue Devils have a great group of talented returning players to go with some strong new young players. This should be a fun team to watch play this spring.

**LINDE EAGLES**

**Coach:** Gordon Jamison

**Last year:** 23-17 overall, 8-6 in the Metro League. Lost to Flint Powers in district title game.

**Graduated All T-C players:** Sterling DeGayner

**Returning All T-C players:** Elizabeth Rakowski, Elle Kloczek

**Summary:** The Eagles lost just two seniors and have a bunch of talent returning and/or being promoted from the JV squad from a year ago. The enthusiasm for the program shows in the number of people who tried out to play this season — 38. Megan Oda, Jillian Wright and Jillian Widner will all be the team’s primary pitchers, with freshman Jordyn Hobson also getting some mound time.

**Coach Jamison says:** “They are starting to get really well. They are playing with a little more confidence. Last year so many were on varsity and I think they were just happy to be here. Now, they realize what it’s all about. I think they are ready to compete and really want to do something.”

**Projection:** The Eagles should be one of the up-and-coming teams this year. Expect a fun season at Linden.

**FENTON TIGERS**

**Coach:** Ken Brant

**Last year:** 5-9 in the Metro League. Lost to Lakeshore in district semifinal.

**Graduated All T-C players:** Logan Carter, Meganh Mc Ardie

**Returning All T-C players:** None

**Summary:** The Tigers struggled a year ago and will be a team with many new faces this season. That includes at catcher where Ken Brant takes over at the helm. Due to lack of outdoor practices, it’s been hard for the first-year mentor to get established positions, and hopes this week goes a long way in terms of creating those roles. The Tigers have plenty of pitchers. The list includes Hailey Prater, Sara Eisenbeis, Angela Hanners, Chloe Billings and Abby Skinner. All have great opportunities to earn ample mound work this season.

**Coaching Brant says:** “Everyone is working hard for the nine to 10 starting spots. We have 19 and we are a very young team. … We’ve been working hard inside, but it’s different than being outside. We will have a better idea about our team after our first three outings.”

**Projection:** The Tigers struggled near the bottom of the Metro League last season. Just improving from last year’s seventh-place showing would be a nice start during Brant’s first year at the helm. If the Tigers can finish above .500 this year, they will have a great season for the Tigers.

**HOLLY BRONCHOS**

**Coach:** Scott Culver

**Last year:** 18-18-1 overall, 11-3 in Metro, tri-Metro champs. Lost to Milford in district opener.

**Graduated All T-C players:** Hailey Thompson

**Returning All T-C players:** Maddi Beesley, Gillian Cohoon

**Summary:** Holly won its first Metro title in 40 years last spring, and has enough people back to remain in contention this season. Returning is the area’s MVP from a year ago, Maddi Beesley. She has a potent bat and can pitch as well. Marissa Beeks returns to the mound. Catching was captured by Megan Horler who caught last year as well. Cohoon also returns and can catch, play first and play in the outfield. When not pitching, Bee sley will play at short. Second and third base remain up for grabs with Aubrey Jenkinson and Maggie Shaw probably the best candidates for the positions.

**Projection:** The Bronchos should be among the teams competing for the Metro title again this season.
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Obituaries

James F. Baker

1930-2018

James F. Baker - age 87, of Holly, died Friday, April 6, 2018.

Funeral services will be held at 11 AM Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Holly.

Visitation was held from 4-9 PM Tuesday, April 10, 2018. Mr. Baker was born in Detroit on August 9, 1930 to James and Frances (Adams) Baker. He was retired from the GM Fisher Body Security Department after 30 years of service.

He was a member of the Holly and Houghton Lake Moose. Surviving are his wife, Norma; three children, James F. Baker III of Houghton Lake, Terry Baker of Holly, and Lori (Rap) McConnell of Holly; three grandchildren, Jessica Stack, Kevin McConnell, and Daniel McConnell; two great-grandchildren, McKenzie and Hunter; sister, Susan (Mike) Basso of Clarkston. He was preceded in death by his parents, James F. Baker Jr. of Houghton Lake, Terry Baker of Holly, and Lori (Rap) McConnell of Holly; three grandchildren, Jessica Stack, Kevin McConnell, and Daniel McConnell; two great-grandchildren, McKenzie and Hunter; sister, Susan (Mike) Basso of Clarkston. He was preceded in death by his parents, James F. Baker, Jr. of Houghton Lake, Terry Baker of Holly, and Lori (Rap) McConnell of Holly.

Shirley D. Jones

1930-2018

Shirley D. Jones - age 88, of Charlevoix passed away on April 2, 2018 at Gracious Living Care Facility. Shirley was born on January 30, 1930 in Lumberton, MN to the late Louis and Myrtle (Northby) Small. Shirley attended Maplewood Academy in 1947 then graduated from Elk River Minnesota High School in 1948. She worked as a legal secretary in Columbus, OH for years. Shirley was a life member of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church most recently attending Petoskey Seventh-Day Adventist Church where she served as a deaconess. She also served as the Vice President of the Charlevoix Area Garden Club. Shirley loved spending her time with her grandchildren. She also enjoyed going golfing and sailing with her family and friends. On September 10, 1950 in Minneapolis, MN Shirley married Brad Jones who preceded her. She is also survived by her children, David (Karen) Jones of Loma Linda, CA, Steve (Terri) Jones of Perry, MI, grandchildren, Brad (Holli) Jones, Jamie (Chris) Nelson, Michael (Sheree) Jones, Courtney Jones, Brent Jones; five great-grandchildren, brother, Jan Small. She was preceded in death by her son, Douglas Jones; siblings, Helen, Dorothy, Betty, Ron, Wayne, Robert and Jim as well as her parents. Funeral service will be held at 2 PM on Sunday, April 15, 2018 at Seventh Day Adventist Church in Petoskey with Pastor George Dronen officiating. Visitation will be held from 6-8 PM on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

Please visit her online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.
Horoscopes

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Mar 21/Apr 20

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Our Menu

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  Pepperoni, Sausage, Mushroom, Green Pepper & Onion (8 slices)

- **Three Meat Treat** | $8.00
  Pepperoni, Sausage & Bacon (8 slices)

- **Hula Hawaiian** | $6.50
  Pineapple & Ham (8 slices)

- **Box Set** | $8.00
  Deep Deep Dish Pizza & Italian Cheese Bread

- **Crazy Combo** | $3.00
  Crazy Breads® & Crazy Sauce® (8 piece order)

- **Italian Cheese Bread** | $4.00
  (10 piece order)

- **Caesar Dips** | 59¢ or 2 for $1.00
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- **2-Liter Beverage** | $2.25
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