Police rule California man’s death a homicide

Police say 20-year-old found in Mundy Township was stabbed multiple times

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Police are investigating how Austin Calkins, a 20-year-old man from California, ended up in a Mundy Township field, the victim of an apparent homicide.

According to Lt. Matt Bade of the Metro Police Authority of Genesee County, Calkins was stabbed multiple times.

“We have several leads and subjects of interest that we are following up on,” Bade said.

Bade said this is an isolated incident and has nothing to do with Mundy Township where the crime occurred.

See HOMICIDE on 7

Hypnotherapist now facing nine charges

Victims say they were assaulted while hypnotized

By Hannah Ball
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The local hypnotherapist charged with multiple counts of criminal sexual conduct was back in court on Friday, April 20.

John Tomlinson is facing six charges of CSC related to three women coming forward and alleging that Tomlinson took advantage of them at his hypnotherapy office in Grand Blanc.

Tomlinson, 66, is facing four counts of second-degree CSC, and his defense attorney, Nicholas Robinson, said two more second-degree CSC charges were added on Friday, April 20. He also faces one count of first-degree CSC, one count See HYPNOTHERAPIST on 2

Sweet — Caroline Street to open in two to three weeks

On Monday, April 23, workers with Eastlund Concrete Construction begin to lay the groundwork for new sidewalks on the Caroline Street extension project. The concrete was poured by Tuesday. See story on page 9.

Hogan Road bridge project approved

Total cost of replacing bridge is $1.6 million

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Fenton Twp. — The Hogan Road bridge could be replaced by 2021.

At the April 23 meeting, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees voted 6-0 in support of a project to replace the Hogan Road bridge that goes over Shiawassee River.

“If it is a disaster, just a disaster,” said Supervisor Bonnie Mathis. See BRIDGE on 5

Competency exam scheduled for Challis

Fenton resident who sent threatening work emails will be evaluated prior to hearings

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The Fenton man who sent threatening emails to co-workers will receive a psychiatric evaluation before his preliminary exam continues. Stephen Anthony Challis, 57, was referred to the Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Saline at an April 19 probable cause hearing.

See CHALLIS on 10

Imagine, if you will, a group of government employees who expect their favored candidate to easily win the presidency, but the one they hate actually wins. These government employees are the heads of the nation’s intelligence agencies and they resolve to destroy the newly elected president. You don’t have to imagine it, it is happening.”

“To all you senior citizens, if you think the number calling your phone is a telemarketer, just answer it with “Fenton Police Department, how can I help you,” and they will quickly hang up and take your number off their list.”

“To my best friend, please remember that people aren’t mirrors, they see you completely differently than you see yourself. People are always their own worst critic. I love you.”
Four interim Linden school positions filled

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Linden — At the Wednesday, April 18 Linden Board of Education meeting, Superintendent Russ Ciesielski announced that four out of five current interim positions would be permanently filled.

Interim Linden High School Principal Darin Dreasky, Interim Linden Middle School Principal Robert Pouch, Interim Linden Middle School Assistant Principal Kraig Enders and Interim Central Elementary Principal Mike Gagne will now serve in their respective roles without the “interim” titles.

Ciesielski said the four who are staying in the administration position will not have to interview for the job. Dreasky, Pouch, and Gagne are on administrator contracts and are required to work in administrator positions.

Enders has proven he has the necessary skill set to make a positive difference, Ciesielski said, and has served in three other interim administrator positions.

Without “interim” tags these administrators will be able to work on long term development for their buildings, continue to build lasting relationships with students and staff and settle into what should be and is going to be an awesome future for our district.”

Interim High School Assistant Principal Jon Aue has decided to return to the classroom this coming school year. The board will seek applicants for the position in the near future.

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Fenton Township approves bonds for sewer costs

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Fenton Twp. — The Fenton Township Board of Trustees voted 6-0 to approve the sale of general obligation capital improvement bonds not to exceed the amount of $1.5 million to go to the sanitary sewer system.

This is the second phase of the project to repair or replace the 57 lift stations in the sewer system.

Treasurer John Tucker said last year that the township approved a $1.7 million bond for the same purpose. At the time, he said the township had been spending a lot of money to fix and patch the old stations instead of replacing them. The stations were well past their 25-year life. Some repairs include complete replacement, some are being partially replaced, and most will be updated with a new transducer, which helps the stations operate more efficiently.

“The repairs more than paid for the cost of the bond to do the fixes to the tune of $100,000 of savings,” he said.

It hasn’t been a full year since the 2017 bond took effect, but Tucker estimates the township will save a considerable amount of money by doing the repairs over the cost of the bonds.

“The long term it will help cash flow,” he said.

Seven full stations still need to be repaired and upgraded, along with other partial stations and infrastructure.

“Of the ones that we have repaired or replaced, we used to have quite a few emergency calls all hours of the day and night. We have not had emergency calls and they are very very costly,” said Supervisor Bonnie Mathis.

Trustee Shaun Shumaker was absent.

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‘BEE’ nice!
If the bees disappear, we will all starve

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Bees, not just the honeybees, but bumblebees, soldier bees, carpenter bees, mason bees, sweat bees and several thousand other types, are essential to sustain life.

“Honey bees are very critical to our nation’s food supply and economy,” said Mark Spencer, owner of Spencer Apiaries in Oakland Township. “Depending on the article you read, honey bees are responsible for pollinating 30 to 70 percent of the world’s food supplies.

“And most of the crops they pollinate are the ones we enjoy the most — apples, cherries, oranges, blueberries, most other fruits, nuts, many of our vegetables and some grains as well,” Spencer said. “In fact, the largest pollinator event in the USA is the almond orchards in California.

“California produces around 80 percent of the world’s almonds,” he said. “Their almond groves have now passed 1 million acres and that requires around 2 million honey bee hives for proper pollination. By some estimates that’s about 80 percent of the honey bees kept by beekeepers in the United States.

“This crop is worth some $6.5 billion to the almond producers and is also critical for many of our migrating beekeepers.”

What can people do to help honeybees survive?

The first thing they can do is to stop spraying the weeds in their yards as the chemicals used are not good for human health, can be very damaging to the honey bees, and the plants that are sprayed are often important sources of nectar and pollen for our honey bees, Spencer said.

“We need to stop seeing many of our ‘weeds’ such as dandelion and star thistle as enemies. These plants are critical. See ‘BEE’ on 6

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Mark and Bethanie Spencer share a passion for beekeeping, showing that it is a family affair.
Flying still safest way to travel

Passengers who were aboard Southwest 1380, the flight that experienced an engine explosion in mid-air last week, are all telling the same compelling story.

Despite a window shattering due to the impact of parts from the exploding engine, a passenger barely avoiding being sucked out the damaged window, and the chaos, confusion and screaming from hundreds of panicked passengers, there was one person on board flight 1380 that immediately took charge and calmed the frightened passengers, reassuring them that all would ultimately be well.

All airline companies know that in the event of an in-flight emergency, such as aborted landings, engine failures, lightning strikes, fires in the galley, loss of the hydraulic system, geese sucked into the engine during takeoff or any other emergency, there is only one thing that will calm hundreds of frightened and screaming passengers.

So it should have surprised no one that it was the calm, cool and confident voice of the pilot coming over the intercom that eased their angst and kept them from becoming hysterical in the moments after the sudden violent and inexplicable event occurred.

But this was not your typical pilot with a deep baritone voice and a slight southern accent. Instead, the lot with a deep baritone voice and a telling the same compelling story.

Jennifer Riordan of Albuquerque, New Mexico, is the first passenger to die during a domestic U.S. commercial flight since 2009.

She then became an instructor and trained other pilots — all males by the way — to fly combat missions that she herself was not able to take part in due to longstanding Navy policy at the time. Some time later Ms. Shults then left the military to become one of the 5.44 percent of commercial airline pilots in the U.S. today who are female.

According to accounts from Southwest Flight 1380 passengers and crew, Capt. Shults performed a near miracle in piloting the horrifically damaged aircraft, with just one engine operating, safely to the ground while at the same time providing a steady stream of reassuring commentary and clarification over the intercom to the traumatized passengers.

Tragically, the passenger who was nearly sucked out of the window later died from injuries incurred in the incident. Flight attendants and passengers attempted to revive the woman’s life but she was unable to be resuscitated.

The unfortunate victim, 43-year-old Jennifer Riordan of Albuquerque, New Mexico, was the first passenger to die during a domestic U.S. commercial flight since 2009.

That is an amazing safety record for airlines, as well as for air travel in general. One can only hope that this is an example of how much trouble we are all in.

SHRINKING AIRPLANE WINDOW sizes? Excellent idea.

I WOULD LIKE to say thank you to a very nice guy who pulled over to see if I needed help with a flat tire on East Holly Road on Thursday morning.

HEY YOU: WHAT do you think you’re doing, cutting everybody off from their pain medication? So what are they going to do? They’re going to buy heroin instead.

SO I AGREE with the comment in the Tri-County Times about the senior condos. Somewhere we could walk to town.

IF A GOVERNMENT inner circle could have JFK assassinated and Nixon thrown out for doing far far less than what Hillary did to our country and what Donald Trump is doing right now, why can’t we throw Trump out of there and put Mike Pence in charge to take control of this country.

REPUBLICANS ARE IN charge. You can tell because the price of gas has gone up and the threat of wars is on the horizon.

THE SMELL OF manure is not the problem. The problem is that our courts were clogged up with it for two years and that cost every one of us. That’s a perfect example of how much trouble we are all in.

QUIT COMPLAINING about the roads. No road repairs occur over the winter. Now they will assess the damage and schedule repairs once the weather warms up. Use your gourd.

WHY DOESN’T THE Tri-County Times attend the Fenton City Council meetings and report back to us citizens about what is going on? Due to work obligations it’s hard to make the meetings. (Editor: All activities that take place at Fenton City Council meetings are reported in the Times.)

PEOPLE GET A clue. When you make Facebook posts and you and your family members are the only people to ‘like’ them, you are being annoying to the public. Enough already.

WILL SOMEBODY PLEASE tell Bill Schulte that Jennifer Granholm hasn’t been in office for eight years. He needs to find somebody a little more current to try to blame everything on.

THE CITY SHOULD take a break from all of the artwork and spend some of that money on the roads.

SO WHAT IF Donald Trump had sex with a porn star? Why doesn’t she go after all the other people she had sex with? Oh, I forgot. They’re not the President.

TO THE IDIOT who thinks State Road is in Tyrone Township, it is in Fenton. The county line road changes to Hartland Road. Read a map.

Have you ever been to court?

“I have not, fortunately it hasn’t been necessary.”

“I didn’t go for myself, I went with an employee who got a ticket with a company vehicle. We didn’t know he needed a chauffeur’s license.”

“Yes, through my job. I was a building and zoning administrator for the city of Fenton. I went for things like fence violations and cars parked illegally.”

“I was in federal court. The company I was working for was being sued. It was a landlord/tenant issue. Because it was in a different state, it ended up in federal court.”

“I was in divorce court; it was a humbling experience.”

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Three Fenton bridges added to funding wish list

State accepting apps for its Local Bridge Program

By Vera Hogan
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If the city of Fenton gets its wish, three bridges will get on a list to receive funding in fiscal year 2021 through the state’s Local Bridge Program.

The Fenton City Council voted unanimously Monday night to allow the application for preventative maintenance funds for the LeRoy Street, Caroline Street and Torrey Road bridges.

If the projects are approved by the state and are funded, the city will have to come up with a 5 percent match toward the project. According to Public Works Director Dan Czarnecki in a memo to City Manager Lynn Markland, OHM Advisors, the city’s engineers, have performed inspection work on all the bridges and have put together information for the application for funding.

The total cost anticipated to maintain the LeRoy Street bridge is $87,000, the Caroline Street bridge and Torrey Road bridge, $38,000, for a total of $211,000.

The 5 percent match for these projects comes to a total of $10,550.

“We did not include the crossings at North Road and East Street in this application as these two are structural culverts, not structural bridges. “It was MDOT’s (Michigan Department of Transportation) position, and also the rest of the region council’s position that the work done on culverts wouldn’t necessarily be a great project for spending money on due to the deterioration of the culverts themselves,” he said. “MDOT and the council felt it would be better to wait until the culverts were ready to be replaced to then include them on the list.”

Czarnecki said the discussion sounded like MDOT and the council were in favor of the preventative maintenance on the three bridges, but to have East and North in the mix would make the entire project unfundable.

“While OHM and I do not agree with MDOT’s reasoning, we feel it would be better to get preventative maintenance work funded for the structural bridges by not including the culvert bridges,” he said.

On the chances of Fenton getting funded, Czarnecki said, “It is a highly competitive process and is dependent on other requests for this same funding. When the state sent out the notice for application back in February they said they had $48 million budgeted for the program. If approved the funds would be available and we could begin work in fiscal year 2021.”

Three Fenton bridges added to funding wish list

The Torrey Road Bridge in Fenton is one of three in the city that will be on the application to receive Michigan Department of Transportation funds for preventative maintenance.

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Three Fenton bridges added to funding wish list

Only one lane is currently open across the bridge. A steel plate is covering a 2-foot wide hole in the middle of the bridge, and the side rails are deteriorating.

In a letter to the township, the Genesee County Road Commission stated, “The Hogan Road Bridge over the Shiawassee River is in poor condition and in need of replacement. The GCRC will be submitting an application for funding through MDOT’s Local Bridge Program, in an effort to secure funding for bridge replacement in the 2021 construction season.”

The plan is for the GCRC and the township to each pay a portion after funding from the Bay Region Local Bridge Program grant is confirmed. The BRLBP is anticipated to pay $1,216,950 for the replacement. The GCRC and the township are both anticipated to pay $192,150 each. The total cost of the project is $1,601,250.

That would be due to them in 2021 towards the replacement of Hogan Road bridge.” Mathis said.

The GCRC required a letter of support for this project to secure the grant. Operations Manager and Deputy Clerk Tom Broecker recommended the township save $50,000 a year as a way to soften the blow of the cost. Trustee Shaun Shumaker was absent.

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**TREASONOUS TRUMP IS guilty of money laundering.**

Michael Cohen didn’t give porn star Stormy Daniels $130,000 out of his own pocket. The hush money clearly came from Trump.

A Blue wave is coming. 

**WOULD LIKE to thank the nice gentleman who was picking up garbage on the side of the road on Silver Lake Road between Fenton and Linden on Thursday afternoon.**

Your hard work does not go unnoticed and is very much appreciated. It’s nice to know there are people that care enough to pick up after others. Thank you, sir.

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**Some people get stung, others don’t — why?**

Bees are extremely sensitive to smells in the form of pheromones, which are a crucial way of communicating for them. Wearing strong smelling perfume, aftershave, or having alcohol on your breath is more likely to antagonize bees.

Certain fabrics are smellier than others, too – some beekeepers report that bees dislike leather or wool. Behavior is important also. When inspecting a hive, people who use clumsy motions and bang equipment around are more likely to attract stings, as the vibrations will disturb the bees.

Bees defending their colony are attracted to carbon dioxide because the facial area is a sensitive place to sting. Heavy breathing around bees is therefore a bad idea. Remember that bees are far more likely to sting you around their home, where they have brood and honey to defend. While out and about foraging they just want to find food and return home with it as quickly as possible.

There are no reports to support that people naturally attract bee stings through the smell of their skin. It’s known that some people are more attractive to mosquitoes than others, however, mosquitoes are creatures that have evolved to hunt out mammals to feed from, which is not the case for bees.

For comprehensive information about bee stings, visit honeybeeworld.com.

Source: quora.com

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not only for honeybees but also our wild pollinators such as bumble bees as well.

“Pollinations on your property, trees are excellent and can be equivalent to a vertical acre of plants,” Spencer said. “Trees such as pussy willow, maple, linden and many others can be critical help for bee populations.” Ground cover such as clover is a honeybee favorite. Consider herbs and plants like Lavender, which are coveted by the bees. Do some research on local varieties of plants such as bee balm and asters.

“Many of our favorite flowers for around the house can be useful, too,” he said. “Do please read the labels on any flowering plants though, and do not plant those that have been treated with neonicotinoids, as those are a long-lasting pesticide that can be very harmful to pollinators.”

Bees and many flowering plants have co-evolved, so they need one another to survive; some flowers need particular kinds of bees for effective pollination and these bees need the nectar from these specific types of flowers.

We need the bees to get good yield from our vegetable gardens and from our fruit trees. However, as we build more cities and try to produce more food through intensive agricultural practices, the bees are deprived of their habitat and food sources. The use of pesticides and other environmental pollutants are killing them off, too.

Bees do not harm our crops. They are beneficial to us as well as the world around us. Bee Balm, Blackeyed Susan, Goldenrod, Crocus and Chives also are among the many flowers and plants that attract bees.

For more information on the dozens of flowers that will attract bees, visit your local garden center or go online at naturallivingideas.com.

Spencer can be reached at mark@spencercapriaries.com or (248) 787-2796.

Source: naturallivingideas.com
HOMICIDE
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Bade said police do not know how long Calkins has been in the local area. “It seems he moved around a lot,” he said.
Residents in the area of Baldwin and Jennings roads, called 911 just before 11 a.m. Saturday, April 21. Residents said they saw a truck by some trees in the middle of their farm field and found the man dead lying next to it.
Metro Police Authority of Genesee County arrived at the scene just after 11 a.m. Although they indicated the man showed signs of apparent injury, they could not at the time describe the type of injuries he sustained.
A Michigan State Police Crime Lab spent several hours gathering evidence at the scene Saturday.
Inspectors are working with all leads obtained so far and are seeking more leads from the public. Anyone with information is asked to call the Metro Police Authority of Genesee County at (810) 820-2190.

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win by 1½ lengths over Forward Pass even though jockey Bobby Ussery lost his whip.
Traces of phenylbutazone, known as bute, were found in Dancer’s Image’s post-race urinalysis. Then it was legal at some tracks, but Churchill Downs wasn’t yet one of them.
Dancer’s Image was disqualified by the stewards and placed 14th and last; Forward Pass was declared the winner. The scandal raised all sorts of theories.
Dancer’s Image had inherited tender ankles from his famous sire Native Dancer. They were especially sore after the colt’s victory in his final Derby prep, the Wood Memorial.
Alex Harthill, nicknamed the “Derby Doc” for treating past winners, gave Dancer’s Image a dose of bute six days before, seemingly enough time for it to clear the colt’s bloodstream. Trainer Lou Cavalaris agreed with the tactic.
Harthill later said he gave Dancer’s Image a single dose of bute. He was a controversial figure in his own right, having twice been implicated in drugging scandals.

Today, the anti-inflammatory is one of the most commonly used drugs in horse racing, given to alleviate chronic pain and joint inflammation and not to enhance performance. Kentucky medication rules allow any of the 20 horses running in Saturday’s Derby to be given bute more than 24 hours before the race provided their post-race sample doesn’t exceed a specific amount.
Harthill was not penalized and Fuller never collected the winner’s purse of $122,600. Today, the winning owner receives $1,451,800.
Fuller said he spent $250,000 and four years unsuccessfully fighting the disqualification in court. The Derby media guide includes the official chart showing Dancer’s Image as the winner, but in other sections Forward Pass gets the credit.
A billboard with Dancer’s Image picture still stands at Fuller’s farm in New Hampton, New Hampshire, proclaiming the colt as the Derby winner, even though the record book says otherwise.
Today, Derby horses are placed under constant surveillance 72 hours before the race.

Pros and cons of plea bargaining

Under our criminal justice system a defendant who has been charged with a crime has a number of constitutional rights.

One of the most important and fundamental of these rights is the right to have a jury trial.
The fact that this right is available does not mean that all defendants actually have a trial as, in Michigan and nationally, more than 95 percent of criminal convictions are the result of guilty or no contest pleas pursuant to a “plea bargain.”

A plea bargain is an agreement between the prosecutor and the defendant for the defendant to not have a trial and instead enter a plea in exchange for a benefit or consideration from the prosecutor.
The most common plea bargains are as follows:

- A reduction of the charged crime(s) and dismissal of others if applicable;
- An agreement wherein the defendant is to receive a sentence for a specified term or range;
- A sentence recommendation by the prosecutor;
- A so-called “Cobbs Agreement” (named after a Michigan case) in which the judge agrees to impose a certain sentence in exchange for the plea.

There are other possibilities including a promise by the defendant of future cooperation.

Historically, the concept of plea bargaining has been both praised and criticized for various reasons.

Reasons in support include the certainty of result for both the defendant and prosecutor, backlogged court dockets being reduced, savings of court resources, and possible help to the prosecutor in other cases.

Reasons against them include possibly coerced pleas for defendants who are actually innocent and the perception that a defendant is getting undeserved leniency.

Although a judge may agree to a particular sentence as part of a plea agreement, if a defendant chooses to exercise their constitutional rights, goes to trial and is convicted, recent Michigan case law makes it clear that a judge cannot have a policy of imposing a harsher sentence than would otherwise be given if the defendant pled guilty. This is a violation of due process and Michigan sentencing law.
The right to a jury trial and plea bargains are here to stay. Ultimately it must be the defendant’s own decision as to which option to choose.
Your environment, health and property values will benefit from your efforts

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This Friday, April 27 is the annual celebration of Arbor Day – the perfect time to plant a tree in your yard or in your community.

Check with your municipality and see if they may be giving away free trees in recognition of this holiday, or if they have any special planting guidelines in your community.

For example, the city of Fenton will be giving away free blue spruce tree saplings this Friday, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the city offices, said Carol Couture, City of Fenton front desk clerk.

Local garden centers may also offer tree specials, recognizing the importance of planting trees. Branching Out Nursery on Eddy Lake Road will be giving out evergreen seedlings “for a future Christmas tree,” said manager Art Vance. He’ll also provide information about planting trees in our Michigan climate and various soil conditions.

If planting one small tree doesn’t seem very significant, think again. Planting trees is one of the easiest and most sustainable ways to positively affect the environment.

Here’s how trees make a difference:

• Trees improve air quality by producing oxygen. They also store carbon, offsetting harmful byproducts of fossil-fuel burning.

• They moderate the effects of sun and wind and clean the air by trapping dust, pollen and other pollutants.

• Planted in the right places around buildings, trees can reduce air-conditioning needs by 30 percent and can save up to 50 percent in energy used for heating. This also means less use of Freon, considered to have damaging effects on the earth’s ozone layer.

• Trees increase the worth of your property, sometimes by thousands and thousands of dollars.

• Trees generate jobs and contribute raw materials for buildings, newspapers, books, etc. They are renewable, biodegradable and recyclable.

• They provide shelter and food for wildlife such as birds, squirrels and bugs.

• Trees provide relaxation, helping lower heart rates and reduce stress.

• The planting of trees means improved water quality, resulting in less runoff and erosion. This allows more recharging of the ground water supply. Wooded areas help prevent the transport of sediment and chemicals into streams.

How did Arbor Day get started?

Arbor Day has a long history in the U.S., going back to 1872 in Nebraska City, Nebraska, when a young journalist, Julius Sterling Morton, moved to the state with his wife. The couple purchased 160 acres and planted a wide variety of trees and shrubs on what was primarily a desolate plain.

He became editor of the state’s first newspaper, Nebraska City News, and he spread his knowledge of trees and their ecological importance within those pages. In 1872, Morton proposed a day that would encourage all Nebraskans to plant trees in their communities.

In 1889, Arbor Day became a legal holiday and was moved to April 22, which was Morton’s birthday. In 1989, the official state holiday was moved to the last Friday in April.
Weather permitting, Caroline Street to open in two to three weeks

New crosswalks and irrigation coming to new Caroline Street extension project. While the street was open in the fall and winter, sidewalks, crosswalks and irrigation systems still needed to be installed.

By Tim Jagielo

The Fenton Department of Public Works estimates it will take up to three weeks to complete the Caroline Street extension project. While the street was open in the fall and winter, sidewalks, crosswalks, brick pav-ers and an irrigation system, all designed to match the Streetscape Project.

He said weather permitting, it should be done and open in two to three weeks, permanently connecting downtown Fent-on to the Jack R. Winegarden Library and neighborhoods beyond.

The extension of Caroline Street began in October with crews from Champagne & Marx working to reconnect the street that has been closed since Urban Renewal in the 1970s. The project costs approximately $400,000 and is being funded by Downtown Development Authority (DDA) construction bonds.

In June 2016, the strip mall buildings blocking Caroline Street were demolished, and the empty fenced-in lot sat for more than a year before more work began.

Just returned from Lake Havasu, Arizona after selling 10 percent of, what I convinced a Trump fan to be, his famous “London Bridge.” Posing as a Fox News reporter I could have sold the entire bridge.

Shop local. Celebrated our 61st wedding anniversary at Rally’s on Silver Parkway. Manager paid for our hamburg-er and shake, same meal as we had on marriage date. Thank you, Rally’s.

The decision to sue the RNC should have been made right after stool pigeon Devin Nunese made his midnight run to the White House. Better late than never.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

Citizens will no longer have the right to choose directors of Michigan universities if a constitutional amend-ment introduced by the GOP is adopted. It allows only the governor to pick direc-tors. Certainly his picks will never be political.

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Just returned from Lake Havasu, Arizona after selling 10 percent of, what I convinced a Trump fan to be, his famous “London Bridge.” Posing as a Fox News reporter I could have sold the entire bridge.

Shop local. Celebrated our 61st wedding anniversary at Rally’s on Silver Parkway. Manager paid for our hamburg-er and shake, same meal as we had on marriage date. Thank you, Rally’s.

The decision to sue the RNC should have been made right after stool pigeon Devin Nunese made his midnight run to the White House. Better late than never.
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ARIES
Mar 21/Apr 20
This is an excellent week to get out and be active. Aries, whether you hike, walk or go cycling, take some time to enjoy the great outdoors. This will benefit the mind and body.

TAURUS
Apr 21/May 20
Taurus, take charge of your health because it is the most important way to stay on top of your game. Don’t forget to include emotional and spiritual health in your regimen.

GEMINI
May 21-Jun 21
It’s time to tap your creativity. Gemini, if there is some piece of artwork or a craft you like but find too expensive, there’s a good chance you can create an excellent replica.

CANCER
Jun 22/Jul 22
Some sun and sunshine can do you a world of good. Cancer, especially if you have been a little stagnant in your career or personal life. A new perspective can help.

LEO
Jul 23/Aug 22
The energy in the air can do surprising things when you are feeling frustrated. Leo, a change of scenery can help you rebound fast and get back on track.

VIRGO
Aug 23/Sept 22
Virgo, organize a group activity with friends and family members this week. This is a good opportunity to reconnect with loved ones you may not have seen in some time.

LIBRA
Sept 23/Oct 22
Libra, if you are looking regular exercise, take this week to make a fitness plan that works for you. Start slowly and build up as you grow accustomed to exercise.

SCORPIO
Oct 23/Nov 22
Put your ambitions into action. Scorpio, it’s one thing to give lip service to ideas, but it’s another to get started toward goals. The latter may lead to a more fulfilling life.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov 22/Dec 21
Don’t hesitate to take on projects or make plans this week. Sagittarius, the more you get involved, the better. Write down all of your plans to stay organized.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22/Jan 20
Work goes quite well for you this week, Capricorn. But you’re having difficulty finding traction at home. Take a day to catch up on projects at home to quiet your mind.

AQUARIUS
Jan 21/Feb 18
AQUARIUS, if you have been feeling creative and ambitious, consider giving a new hobby a try. An artistic project is fitting, but anything that inspires you will suffice.

PISCES
Feb 19/Mar 20
There is a good chance that you will start the week with vigor, and it will continue for the next several days. Pisces, channel that energy.
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2002 FORD F150 XL
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Touring, 3rd row seating, heated leather seats, power hatch, power seats, CD/DVD player. Low mileage, excellent condition $2,995 or best. Call 810-735-5289.

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Bronchos, Eagles win Metro soccer contests

By David Troppens
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Fenton — Wednesday was a good day for two area Metro League soccer teams looking for their first conference wins.

The Linden Eagles defeated Claro 3-0 while the Holly Bronchos crushed Ovasso 7-1.

Holly’s Lexie Curtis

Holly took an early lead with three goals in the first half. Payton Price was dominating the midfield and scored two first-half goals, while Victoria Karakuci also provided a goal.

Price continued her strong play in the second half, scoring two more goals. Meanwhile Paige Gunn and Maya Varela also scored a goal each, earning the Bronchos the blowout victory.

“Throughout the entire game, we had possession and multiple shots on net,” Holly varsity girls soccer coach Jolie Gregory said. “Lexie Curtis served in great corner kicks and our defense held their ground in the back. Overall, the entire team worked incredibly well together keeping possession and moving into the final third of the field.”

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Tigers play six games in four days

By David Troppens
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Lake Fenton — There have been times of struggles during the early portion of the season for the Lake Fenton varsity girls soccer team.

Friday wasn’t one of those days, though. In fact, it was probably their best day of the season.

The Blue Devils used a strong defensive performance and a strong performance within its midfield to defeat the Goodrich Martians 2-0 in a pivotal Genesee Area Conference contest at Lake Fenton High School on Friday.

“I feel like we are strong because we stay together,” Lake Fenton co-captain and defensive player Teyana Brown said about the defense. “We are always close and we just communicate.”

The first half was pretty much a stalemate with neither team getting too many great scoring chances, but as the game continued the Blue Devils started to take control.

Just 8:10 into the second half, the Blue Devils broke the scoreless tie. Morgan Reitano was taken down in the box, resulting in a penalty kick attempt. Reitano took it and nailed it, making it 1-0 lead.

Goodrich had only two shots the entire second half, and both were off target. However, the Martians did have a decent scoring chance with about 25 minutes left when a through pass was in a dangerous position. If received by the Goodrich forward, a goal was almost inevitable.

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Fenton’s twins help crush Kearsley, 8-0

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Fenton — Twins can have each other’s backs, but they can be mighty competitive as well.

Just ask Fenton varsity girls soccer players and twins) Haley Clarke and Hannah Clarke. That competitive fire hit both in a battle of goals against Kearsley on Monday.

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Why didn’t she want her to get that final goal? Because it meant both tied for scoring honors, netting two goals each on the Tigers’ 8-0 victory against Kearsley.

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Blue Devils’ pitching sparks twinbill sweep vs. Durand Railroaders

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Tigers take first at event held at Fenton Farms

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The Tiger varsity golf team continued adding evidence with a twinbill sweep against Pinconning, and the second 11-0. In the opener, the Tigers played their best all-around game of the season according to varsity coach Ken Brant. Sarah Eisenbeis was strong on the mound, earning the complete game victory.

Linden track program records six firsts at Chelsea

The Linden varsity track program continued its strong start of the season at the Chelsea Relays on Friday.

The boys won three events and broke

Lady Tigers take top spot at LF relays

The Fenton varsity girls track program made sure a local team captured the top spot at the Lake Fenton relays, earning the title by just one point. The Tigers finished with 82 points, one more than Powers Catholic. Lake Fenton took sixth with 19 points.

In the boys’ event the Tigers took third while Lake Fenton finished in sixth. Many of Lake Fenton’s athletes were gone due to other prior commitments, hurting their placing.

Fenton’s girls took first in six events and second in another. The middle distance relay team of Cambria Tienmann, Cassandra Campbell, Vien Sturm and Kaitlin Bayer won (7:15.84), as did the 1,600 relay team of Campbell, Sturm, Makayla Murphy and Bayer (4:22.96).

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The Tigers scored a 342 at the pre-season tournament, earning first at Fenton Farms. Flushing was Fenton’s top competitor, taking second with a 346. Holly took fourth with a 379 while Linden was seventh with a 407 in the nine-team tournament.

The Tigers won the title by earning four strong scores under 90. Dylan Conte won with an 83, while Logan Lake and Mitchell Chopp each shot 86s.

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Blue Devils sweep Durand, Pinconning

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The Lake Fenton varsity softball team has high goals for the 2018 season. They showed why on Saturday in a doubleheader sweep against Pinconning, and continued adding evidence with a twinn

Sweep against Durand on Monday.

The Blue Devils won the first game 6-4 and then won the second 7-1 against Pinconning. Lake Fenton won the first game against Durand 9-1 and then won the second 11-0.

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GIRLS TENNIS

- Holly at Brighton Invitational: The Bronchos placed second in the four-team tournament. Megan Lesperance and Taylor McAnnich won their flight championship while the seven other flights took ships, while the seven other flights took

Fenton softball splits Metro contests vs. Owosso

The Fenton varsity softball team split a pair of thrillers against Owosso on Monday.

The Tigers lost a tight 5-4 contest.

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**Midweek Sudoku**

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

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

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton, County of Genesee, State of Michigan, intends to issue and sell general obligation capital improvement bonds pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended (“Act 34”), in an amount not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($1,500,000.00), in one or more series, for the purpose of paying all or part of the cost of acquiring, constructing, furnishing and equipping improvements to the Township’s sanitary sewer system, consisting generally of pump station improvements, together with all necessary interests in land, and all related sites, structures, equipment, appurtenances and attachments thereto.

**BOND DETAILS**

SAID BONDS shall mature in annual installments not to exceed twenty-five (25) in number, with interest rates to be determined at a public or private sale but in no event exceeding the maximum rate permitted by law on the unpaid balance from time to time remaining outstanding on said bonds.

**SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS**

THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF THE BONDS shall be payable from the general funds of the Township lawfully available for such purposes including property taxes levied within applicable constitutional and statutory tax rate limitations. The Township anticipates making debt service payments on the bonds from revenues received by the Township from the operation of its sanitary sewer system.

**RIGHT OF REFERENDUM**


THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 517, Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

Robert E. Krug, Township Clerk
Charter Township of Fenton

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**Glenn Stamper**

1946-2018

Glenn Stamper - age 71, of Fenton was born August 25, 1946 in Wide Creek, KY to Charles Cecil and Maxine (Maxine) Stamper. He died April 23, 2018, at St. John’s Hospital, Lansing.

Mr. Stamper is survived by his loving wife of 15 years to Sheila; loving father of Kim Stamper, James (Jamie) Stamper and Deborah Stamper, step father of Angelique (Matthew) Wighton and Nancy Farmer, also 17 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Brothe of Larry (Lisa) Stamper and Gary (Sally) Stamper. Also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends. Funeral from Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 340 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake (three blocks south of Maple Rd.) Wednesday, April 25, 2018, 1 PM. Interment Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi. Friends may visit Wednesday, 11 AM until time of service. Memorials to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital appreciated. Condolences at www.LynchFamilyFuneralDirectors.com.

**Rodger E. Bloomfield**

1936-2018

Rodger E. Bloomfield - age 82, of Lake Fenton, passed away April 20, 2018. Services will be held 11 AM Friday, April 27, 2018 at Lake Fenton United Methodist Church, 2851 N. Long Lake Rd., Fenton. The family will receive friends from 7:30 PM Thursday, April 26, 2018 at the church. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to Lake Fenton United Methodist Church.

Rodger was born January 18, 1936 in Detroit, the son of Emerson Bryant and Alice Ester (Holland) Bloomfield. He was a graduate of GMI and retired from AC Spark Plug. He enjoyed his role as a product engineer serving both as a mechanical and electrical engineer. He retired after 35 years of service. He also enjoyed providing pool designs for John Pools. Mr. Bloomfield was a volunteer for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, as well as being involved with Little League when his children were young. He was also a longtime, active member of Lake Fenton United Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife, Victoria Bock; mother, Maxine; three sons, Mike (Lori), Mark (Bonnie) and David (Robin) grandchildren, Courtney, Meghann, Blake and Brooke; great-grandson, Anden. He was preceded in death by sister, Ann (Jim) Lozon.

Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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Always sign your name in the register book. You should provide your full name and address, so the family is able to contact you if a service is held. If you were a business associate of the deceased, it is appropriate to note your company affiliation if the family may not otherwise know you.

Source: thefuneralsource.org
Midweek Jumble

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

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

Answer here:

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