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WhoaZone makes big splash in Holly



TIMES VIDEO STILL | TIM JAGIELO
More than 70 different areas make up the WhoaZone water obstacle course on Heron Lake at Holly Recreation Area. The course is for ages 7 and older.
See Page 8A

Hepatitis A case confirmed at Fenton Winery & Brewery

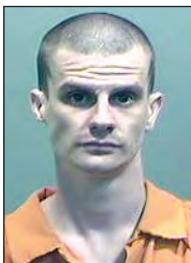
■ Owners step up to growing problem, conduct business-wide vaccination event

“This employee was never involved in any kitchen or production duties...there is zero risk at Fenton Winery & Brewery.”

Matt Sherrow
Fenton Winery & Brewery owner

The Genesee County Health Department (GCHD) in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has confirmed a case of hepatitis A associated with an employee of Fenton Winery & Brewery at 1370 N. Long Lake Rd.

See HEPATITIS A on 15A



Frederick Daniel Clark



Christian Lee Lover



Mataya Delores Shaw

Owosso trio facing life in prison for stabbing death

By Vera Hogan

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The individuals charged with murdering 20-year-old Austin Culkins of California began their preliminary hearings in court on Monday, June 4.

Culkins was found stabbed to death in a Mundy Township field, near Baldwin and Jennings roads, on Saturday, April 21.

Residents in the 9300 block of S. Jennings Road called 911 just before 11 a.m. that morning. They said they saw a truck, which turned out to be an older model GMC pickup with California license plates, by some trees in the middle of their farm field at the northwest corner of S. Jennings and Baldwin roads and found the dead man, now identified as Culkins, lying next to it.

See LIFE IN PRISON on 18A

Area fire departments need more firefighters

■ Seventy percent of nation's fire crews are volunteer

By Hannah Ball

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Putting out fires and responding to medical emergencies aren't the only concerns of local fire chiefs.

Fire departments are currently struggling to retain firefighters.

See MORE FIREFIGHTERS on 9A



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The Fenton City and Fenton Township fire departments often respond to the same calls, working together to put out area fires.

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“The city council is behaving like a clique of high school girls. Nobody lied, nobody cried and nobody died. Get over it already.”



“Is it just me or are there no really good movies being made anymore? My wife and I used to go to the theater quite often but these days the movies are simply awful. Does anyone have any suggestions for a good movie that isn't full of foul language? Thank you.”



“Because of the thousands of political opinion posts all of you make on Facebook I have completely changed all my religious, social and political viewpoints, said no one ever.”



**COMMENT
OF THE WEEK**

“Listen up grads, in real life we graduate every day that we learn something. Graduation is a lifelong process, not a three hour event. It goes on until the last day of your life. If you can grasp this concept, it will change how you live your life.”



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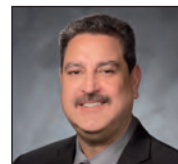
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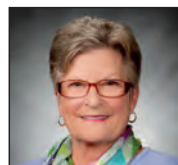
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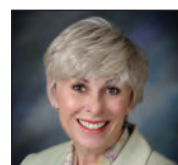
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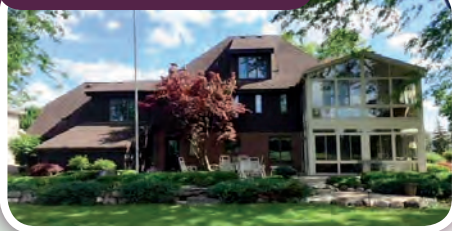


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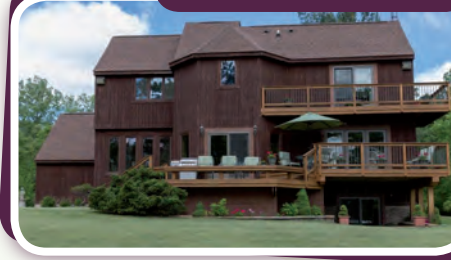


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'We are here to stay'

■ Sears Hometown Store is locally owned by Fenton Township brothers

By Sally Rummel

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The only thing that Sears Hometown Store in Fenton has in common with Sears stores in malls is the name.

For owners Jeff and Tim Stone, that's a good thing, because so much of the news is focused on the Sears mall stores that are closing.

Sears Holdings Corporation, which owns Sears and Kmart stores throughout the U.S., has recently announced they

are closing 63 additional mall stores by September, including the Sears store at Genesee Valley Center in Flint Township.

See **SEARS HOMETOWN** on 7A

“Through the middle of May, we were the #1 rated Sears Hometown Store in the U.S.”

Jeff Stone
Sears Hometown Store in Fenton co-owner



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

Sears Hometown Store in Fenton, owned and operated by brothers Jeff (left) and Tim Stone, is not related to the mall Sears stores that are closing, including the one at Genesee Valley Center in Flint. The Fenton store will soon be the only Sears in Genesee County.

Area shoppers have mixed feelings about buying on Amazon

■ Many prefer to support hometown businesses

By Vera Hogan

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There is always the lingering question — how does small business survive in Amazon's world?

They can't expect to beat them at their game. Small independent businesses are not going to be cheaper and not going to have faster delivery.

But Amazon can be beat-

en. According to usa.com, independent bookstores are thriving. They have grown both in sales and in total number of stores. This is partly because customers are loyal and still value the knowledge and passion of these specialty vendors.

Brandi Britton of Grand Blanc said, "I continue physically shopping at small busi-

nesses. Those big box stores are pointless for me now."

Britton says she will shop Amazon or another online retailer if she can't find what she's looking for, can't get it ordered and has no other choice.

Local Realtor Nancy Hanks of Holly said she only shops local.

See **AMAZON** on 7A

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FILE PHOTO

Many area residents prefer to shop at local hometown businesses and will only shop online if there is no other choice.



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Come *Heller* high water...

The NFL recently adopted a policy requiring on-field players to stand for the national anthem. The policy was designed to end the controversy, but of course it only gave it new life.

I like to think that Francis Scott Key — who in 1814 wrote the poem that 100 years later would become the national anthem — would think the whole thing is ridiculous.

“Wait, THAT poem became the national anthem?” I think he’d say. “That was the worst thing I ever



Andrew Heller
FEATURED COLUMNIST

wrote! I don’t know what I was thinking — to be honest, I may have had an ale or two. And the tune that was put to it — my God, pure, amateurish dreck. Have you ever tried to sing it? No one can perform it correctly. Are people upset because it’s so awful?”

Me: No, they’re mad because they like it so much, in fact. They’re furious that a few people who play a game called football won’t stand up when it’s played.

“Never heard of this football, but I presume they kick the ball a lot in it, yes?”

Not really. They mostly run with it or throw it.

“So why is it called football then?” Nobody knows.

“And why is my song played at these games?”

Nobody knows that either.

“So are people required to stand when it’s played?”

No, there’s no law that says people have to stand up for it. They’re free to sit, drink beer, scratch themselves or eat a hot dog during it if they want.

“Is that what most people do?”

No, a lot of people at the stadium actually stand, remove their hats, put their hands over their heart and sing along, but people watching on

TV don’t, and there are a lot more of them.

“TV?”

It’s an electronic box that people watch the games on.

“The 21st Century sounds like an amazing time. But tell me, if there’s no law against not standing during the song, why are people so upset about the players not standing?”

They think it’s disrespectful to the nation.

“I must say, that’s an odd thing to think. These people who are upset, they’re aware of the First Amendment, right?”

Possibly. Possibly not. We don’t live in the smartest of times. A lot of people know a lot more about the Kardashians than about civil liberties.

“Has the First Amendment fallen out of favor in your time then?”

With most people, no. But some people are, shall we say, situational about it.

“What does that mean?”

It means they only believe in it when it suits them. It also doesn’t help that many of the players kneeling during the anthem are black.

“Ah, so you’re saying there’s something more behind this than simple respect for the nation.”

For some, yes. For others, it’s just politics.

“So why are the kneelers kneeling in the first place?”

To protest police brutality toward blacks.

“Is that a problem in your time?”

Most assuredly.

“Wait, so you’re telling me that people are more upset about football players protesting during a silly song than about police brutality?”

Much more. I’ve never once seen football fans protest police brutality or anything else. Except for maybe beer prices.

“I’m glad I don’t live in your time then. Forgive me, but it sounds positively cuckoo cuckoo.”

Bingo.

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■■■
I WANT TO share some good news. CNN has ratings that had dropped 25 percent for the evening prime time viewers for an average of 880,000 viewers. Better good news is that every single Fox News show is significantly up, up 16 to 20 percent and they beat every single show on MSNBC and the disastrous CNN.

■■■
I JUST READ an article in the Times about a council person who knowingly broke the law. The act of putting her handprint in wet cement without the permission of the property owner qualifies as destruction of property and a misdemeanor. I’d lose my job if I did that and so would everyone else.

■■■
MANY THANKS TO the king. The king’s ten commandments for your college bound daughters was excellent advice. I really appreciate the king and his columns.

■■■
WHY VOTE REPUBLICAN you ask? Democrats defend MS-13 gangs who murder, rape, run guns and drugs. Democrats support Black Lives Matter, who have advocated the killing of police. Democrats support open borders, allowing human trafficking (slavery). Democrats support the abortions of 57 million Americans. That’s why.

■■■
THE MEDICAL PROFESSION is so paranoid over scripting that it’s impossible to get strong medication to knock the common cold, yet they’re never sick. Has

your doctor ever canceled because he’s down with a virus for 10 days?

■■■
WHO CAN EXPLAIN the sheer pleasure of snitching a piece of crispy bacon from the plate before breakfast is ready?

■■■
HAPPY TO SEE that reporter Hannah Ball is keeping us informed about Fenton Township happenings. But it seems like every article says that Supervisor Bonnie Mathis and Trustee Vince Lorraine were absent from the meeting. Why aren’t they there?

■■■
ROSE TOWNSHIP HAD no respect for our military on Memorial Day. What happened to our board members and supervisor when the cemetery needed cutting? We only cut the whole thing every other week so military was left out. You won’t live this one down.

■■■
FIX THE CLOCK at the old fire hall? That’s funny. They cannot even handle pulling the weeds out front. Such a disgraceful display next to what the city does to beautify our streets.

■■■
TO THE PERSON who said we should start blaming the users of opioid drugs for the drug problems in this country. How about we start with the doctors who are pushing these drugs and prescribing them to the extreme, therefore getting people addicted to them.

■■■
THIS IS FOR the Hot-liner saying Democrats vote that way because their parents told them to. My answer is ‘absolutely not.’ My parents were hard-core conservative Republicans who voted for party and not candidate. I am the opposite. I vote for candidate, not party.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

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What is your best summer memory?

Compiled by Gracie Warda, intern

streettalk



“Probably hanging out and watching my kid play baseball. We’ve been doing it for a couple of summers now and it’s a lot of fun.”

Greg Best
Fenton Township



“Having all of my family and friends at our pool summer after summer, enjoying the simple things in life.”

Marsha Spear
Fenton Township



“Going to a Jimmy Buffett concert. You haven’t been to a party until you’ve been to a concert.”

Diane Kochan
Linden



“Up north as a kid. The first time I went to a cottage, and it was a standout time in my childhood.”

Cheryl Collard
Tyrone Township



“Going fishing with my daddy and grandpa. I like going up north, too.”

Giada McKolay
Fenton Township



PHOTO: US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

The lava flowing from the Kilauea Volcano has damaged hundreds of homes and property on the big island of Hawaii.

Former Fentonite experiences Hawaiian volcanoes first hand

■Big island hit by 9,900 earthquakes in last 30 days

By Sally Rummel
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Paul Taylor, 29, watched the lava flow-ing from the big island of Hawaii’s Kilauea Volcano, a once-in-a-lifetime sight for his first trip to the Hawaiian Islands.

Of course, the beauty of the lava as it lit up the nighttime sky at Hawaii Volcanoes National Park on the big island of Hawaii turned into the horror of destruction when eruptions began to destroy everything in its path more than a month ago.

The big island of Ha-waii is home to five vol-canoes, three of which are currently active, ac-cording to Fodors.com. Kilauea has been erupting nearly continuously since 1983, but not always at the level seen in recent weeks.

These active sites have been far away from Taylor on his two-month traveling and hiking adventure in Hawaii, which began April 7. Most of his travels have been about 200 miles away from the Kilauea eruptions and safe from harm’s way.

“We got our news about what was going on from CNN, like everyone else,” Taylor said.

He was in Hawaii to visit his cousin, Bill Thomas, who lives and works in Honolulu, on Hawaii’s third largest island of Oahu. Taylor hiked at the volcano site for about four to five days (before the eruptions started), staying at a hostel at Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. “Most of the time it was raining, which blocked our view because of the steam,” he said.

Most of the park is currently closed because of the increased earthquakes, corrosive ash fall and an expected explo-sion at the summit of Kilauea Volcano, according to a report from Hawaii’s Na-tional Park Service on June 5.

Earthquakes are now one of the biggest issues because of the volcanic eruptions. A 5.6 magnitude earthquake struck the big island of Hawaii on Tuesday morning, June 5. According to the U.S. Geological Survey, the big island has been hit by 9,900 earthquakes since May 4.

“Most of the time it was raining, which blocked our view because of the steam.”

Paul Taylor
Former Fenton resident

Taylor returned home earlier this week to spend time with his parents, Dan and Cynthia Taylor of Fen-ton, after the final leg of his trip took him to Japan.

Despite the devasta-tion of homes and prop-erty, it is mostly “business as usual” when it comes to travel to Hawaii.

“I’ve been watching all the reports,” said Diane

Roberts, manager of the Fenton office of Superior Travel. “There have been postings from the Hawaii Bureau of Tourism.”

The biggest change in itineraries has been cruise lines altering their normal ports of call at Hilo (pronounced Hee-low) on the big island of Hawaii. Passengers on Norwegian, Royal Caribbean and Princess cruise lines will be spending extra time on the islands of Oahu and Maui.

Fenton residents Bob and Debbie Schlenke and Scott and Tricia Overfield have been planning their dream trip to Hawaii for more than a year. They’ll be traveling in July, with most of their itinerary taking them to the islands of Kauai and Maui.

See **VOLCANO** on 6A

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LOOKING BACK *at this week in* NATIONAL HISTORY

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

JUNE 10

2002: Clint Messina, 21, of Lacombe, Louisiana, is arrested and charged in the attempted murder of a police officer after driving into a patrol car while attempting to flee from sheriff's deputies. Soon after, police discovered that he was already a wanted man. At about 3:30 a.m. on March 27, Messina and an associate, stole a Krispy Kreme doughnuts delivery truck in Slidell, Louisiana. The deliveryman called police, who pursued and caught up to the vehicle. Messina then led police on a 15-mile chase, leaving a trail of doughnuts behind them as they fled.

JUNE 11

1982: Then 34-year-old director Steven Spielberg reportedly drew on his own experiences as an unusually imaginative, often-lonely child of divorce for his science fiction classic "E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial," which was released on this day in 1982.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

IF PRESIDENT TRUMP is successful in ending the Korean conflict I feel I must articulate to liberals that if you want peace you must be prepared for war.

I'M THINKING ABOUT dumping my kitchen scraps outside in my yard and calling it 'compost.'

JUNE 12

1994: Nicole Brown Simpson, famous football player O.J. Simpson's ex-wife, and her friend Ron Goldman are brutally stabbed to death outside Nicole's home in Brentwood, California, in what quickly becomes one of the most highly publicized trials of the century. With overwhelming evidence against him, including a prior record of domestic violence toward Brown, O.J. Simpson became the chief suspect.

JUNE 13

1805: Having hurried ahead of the main body of the expedition, Meriwether Lewis and four men arrive at the Great Falls of the Missouri River, confirming that the explorers are headed in the right direction. Lewis and William Clark had set out on their expedition to the Pacific the previous year. They spent the winter of 1804 with the Mandan Indians in present day North Dakota.

JUNE 14

2003: Britain's Queen Elizabeth II publishes the list of those she has chosen to appoint as Officers of the Order of the British Empire as part of the traditional Queen's Birthday Honours. Included on the list were (among others) the soccer star David Beckham, the musician Sting, the actor Roger Moore of James Bond fame and the actress

Helen Mirren. An acclaimed veteran of the London stage, Mirren had earned numerous awards for her starring role in the British television series "Prime Suspect" and would go on to win an Academy Award for Best Actress several years later for her portrayal of none other than Elizabeth II, in the 2006 film, "The Queen."

JUNE 15

1945: The 23-year-old actress and singer Judy Garland marries the director Vincente Minnelli, her second husband. The couple had one daughter, the actress and singer Liza Minnelli. Garland became a star in 1939 with "The Wizard of Oz," in which she played Dorothy, a role originally intended for Shirley Temple. In the film, she performed the plaintive ballad "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," which would become one of her signature songs.

JUNE 16

1884: The first roller coaster in America opens at Coney Island, in Brooklyn, New York. Known as a switchback railway, it was the brainchild of LaMarcus Thompson. It traveled approximately six miles per hour and cost a nickel to ride. The new entertainment was an instant success and by the turn of the century there were hundreds of roller coasters around the country.

Source: history.com

VOLCANO

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The only change they've had to make in their plans is their visit to the USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor, which is closed indefinitely due to structural issues.

The volcanic eruptions and the closing of the USS Arizona Memorial are totally unrelated, but are affecting Hawaii's tourism. According to the National Park Service, the big island of Hawaii could lose as much

as \$166 million because of the closure of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. However, the upside might be a new potential for travelers to view an active volcano, according to a story in the New York Times.

SUMMARY

■ Most visitors to the Hawaiian Islands won't be affected by the eruption and damage caused by the Kilauea Volcano.

but are affecting Hawaii's tourism.

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SEARS HOMETOWN

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However, Sears Hometown Stores, including the Fenton store, remain locally committed and strong.

Owned by Sears Hometown and Outlet Stores, Inc., this company has operated separately from Sears Holdings Corporation since 2012. They even trade separately on the NASDAQ stock exchange.

"It definitely causes some confusion," said Jeff Stone, who opened the Fenton store nine years ago with his brother, Tim.

What typically sets these stores apart is that the Sears Holdings Corporation operates Sears stores in traditional mall settings and include sales of soft product lines like apparel and draperies.

Sears Hometown Stores are known for their sales of hard product lines, primarily appliances, tools and lawn and garden equipment.

"We're known as 'America's appliance experts,'" Tim said. "We're the only retailer in the country that sells all top 10 brands of appliances. No other retailer does that except Sears Hometown Stores, not even Sears mall stores or national discount chains. We're the only ones."

But there's a lot more to Sears Hometown Stores than refrigerators and lawn tractors.

At the store, customers can buy appliances, lawn and garden items, Craftsman tools, mattresses, fitness equipment (seasonally), grills, vacuums, water softeners, window air conditioners, portable air conditioners and dehumidifiers.

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Tim Stone

Sears Hometown Store in Fenton co-owner

just about any item you want at Searshometownstores.com. "It's the best way for you to see our full line of products and our pricing," Tim said.

For some of the "soft" product lines carried by traditional Sears stores, you can find those items at Sears.com, and if you have the items shipped to Sears Hometown Store in Fenton, this local business will get credit for your purchase while making it more convenient for pick-up.

"It's another way of keeping your business local," Tim said. "The vast majority of items can be bought and shipped right to our store, where you can pick them up."

You can also lease any items at Sears Hometown Stores, priced at \$199 or more.

"There's no credit required, and there are early pay-off options," Jeff said. "It's a great way to shop, especially for those larger ticket items."

The biggest advantage of shopping at Sears Hometown Store is that you're dealing with the Stone brothers, who live and work in the community. "We have a vested interest in keeping our customers satisfied," Tim said. "We're here personally to take care of your needs and if you have any kind of a problem, to advocate on your behalf."

They are obviously doing this very well, as through the middle of May, Sears Hometown Store in Fenton was rated by their parent company as the number one store in the U.S.

"It's a corporate grading system, which includes customer service," Jeff said. "We're very pleased to take care of each and every customer who walks through our door."

AMAZON

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Cherie Smith of Fenton said, "I'm not an Amazon shopper. Even though it's the 'regular' way people choose to shop now, I can't do it."

"Studies show that local businesses re-invest in local communities at a higher rate than national corporations."

"Small businesses create local jobs, enhance diversity of products and services, and they seem to have more interesting merchandise," Smith said.

"Communities serviced by small businesses tend to have high home values. If your neighborhood is full of vibrant local businesses, then the value of your neighborhood will increase as it becomes more desirable," she added. "As real estate prices grow, communities can attract new investments to spur continued economic growth. An influx of new residents increases local tax revenue, which can be used to invest in infrastructure, schools, public safety departments, libraries and parks that strengthen communities and drive future growth."

Veronica Pheasant of Argentine Township believes Amazon is negatively affecting the environment. She said, "Nope, don't shop at Amazon, I use other small companies. I think the ozone layers and our whole eco system is going to crap from

too many airplanes in the air and too many doing overnight shipping. People want it now, they have no patience and can't plan ahead. But they also complain about long weird winters, freezing temps in Florida and breaking weather records everywhere."

Carmine Avantini of Fenton said, "I shop locally as much as possible, even for gas purchases. If an item is not available locally, I then look to other area stores, and online as a last resort. We have to support our local businesses if we want them to remain."

There are, of course, an equal number of diehard Amazon fans, including Dianne Duby-Krein of Holly and Janet Leslie, formerly of Holly. They believe Amazon is great, from the easy-to-navigate website, to vast inventory, fair prices, quick delivery and hassle-free refunds.

How small business can survive in Amazon's world

The following are, according to usa.today.com, seven tips for booksellers and other small retailers to survive the world of online shopping:

1. Change your product mix. No longer will you find a large selection of computer or business books at your corner bookstores. Now, most local bookstores have large and exciting selections of children's books, cook-

books, popular fiction — books customers like to hold in their hands or "discover" physically.

2. Find a niche — specialize in something so that you can develop devoted customers. Mystery, cookbook, and children's bookstores have all done well. Karen Piacentini, owner of Fenton's Open Book, sells homemade pasties at her store, for example. It's one of Fenton's delicious best kept secrets.

3. Become a destination. Retail now has to have "entertainment" value. Events, lessons, parties, speakers, anything to engage children — draw customers in.

4. Leverage technology. Reduce expenses and connect with customers through technology solutions and so-

cial media.

5. Have a social mission. No one feels a sense of pride doing business with Amazon. Give customers a reason to feel good about doing business with you.

6. Tell your story. People do business with other people. Be sure to let customers know who is behind your small business and what your passion is.

7. Work together — take a lesson from independent bookstores. The independent store across the street is not your big competitor, so work with them on local events and discounts and "Small Business Saturday" and other activities to remind customers that you are a vital part of the fabric of your community.

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ZBA18-021 Crystofer Reed, 2173 Anoka St., Flint:
Requesting a 32 ft. sight line variance to build a deck at 13389 Lakeshore, parcel 06-14-551-029.

ZBA18-022 Tim & Kelly Webb, 13323 Lakeshore, Fenton:
Requesting a 15 ft. sight line variance to put a railing around flat upper level roof/deck, parcel 06-14-501-007.

ZBA18-023 Brian Windsor, 16223 Pine Lake Forest, Linden:
Requesting a 10 ft. front yard and 15 ft. rear yard variances to build a new house and garage at 52 Chateaux Du Lac parcel 06-28-676-028.

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Requesting a 54 ft. sight line variance to replace and expand the deck including a roof and stairs, parcel 06-29-501-031.

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There are more than 70 pieces to the WhoaZone water obstacle course on Heron Lake at Holly Recreation Area. The course is for ages 7 and older. The course was busy on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28.

Slipping, sliding and splashing

■ New WhoaZone floating water park at Holly Recreation Area attracts people of all ages

By Sally Rummel
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Kids and families are splashing, jumping, sliding and bouncing from one water obstacle to another at the new WhoaZone floating waterpark on Heron Lake in Groveland Township.

Heron Beach, located at Holly Recreation Area, is now home to an inflatable water playground that opened to the public May 25.

"It's great for all ages," said Maddy Meece, assistant manager of this WhoaZone location, now the second of its kind in the Midwest. "It's getting whole families together outdoors doing something fun."

WhoaZone at Whihala Beach on Lake Michigan in Whiting, Indiana was the first, opening in 2017 and three more are planned in Texas and California this year.

The floating network of slides, trampolines, climbing towers, monkey bars and "wobble bridges" is designed for water more than 8 feet deep. There are four areas with varying degrees of difficulty meant for people of all ages — but you have to be at least 7 years old and 45 inches tall for entrance into the floating water park. You also must be able to swim, and life vests are provided and required.

Sessions are one hour long, including a 15-minute safety and park usage message presented to each WhoaZone visitor. Each session is \$15, with a discount available for a double session, early bird and happy hour time slots. Visitors must also have a recreation passport from their vehicle registration in order to enter Holly Recreation Area.

Visitors who don't have a recreation passport can stop at the booth and purchase one for \$16. The passport will be valid until the vehicle registration expires (on owner's birthdate), at which time another one can be purchased with renewed registration for \$11.

Holly Recreation Area has signed a three-year contract with WhoaZone, so this floating water park will be an



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A WhoaZone participant takes a leap on Monday, May 28. The individual pieces of the course are anchored to the lake bottom with poured concrete.

enhancement to Heron Lake through Labor Day of 2020. "We've had nothing but positive feedback from the people who have used it and especially the park rangers," Meece said.

While these inflatable parks aren't a direct competitor to water parks, they are one way that operators of pools, lakes and beaches are drawing people in to use their natural water resources. "It's definitely a physical activity," Meece said. "We've had people in their 60s and 70s, as well as younger people."

WhoaZone is open Monday through Thursday, from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday through Sunday, from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., weather permitting.

About WhoaZone ...

• **What is it?** It's a floating water obstacle course with four different levels to challenge visitors of all abilities.

• **Where is it?** On Heron Lake at Holly Recreation Area, 8100 Grange Hall Rd., Groveland Township, near Holly.

• **How much does it cost?** \$15 per one-hour session, with discounts for double sessions and early and later time slots.

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MORE FIREFIGHTERS

Continued from Front Page

Argentine Township Fire Chief Matt Lafferty said it's getting harder for people to commit to being a firefighter. The department lost three or four firefighters this past year because of scheduling issues.

"The requirements have increased. There's a lot more commitment," he said.

Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff said all volunteer/on-call fire departments in the nation struggle with the hiring and retention of firefighters. The city currently employs 29 paid on-call volunteer firefighters. Cairnduff would rather have 34 and is in the process of hiring three more.

Fenton City didn't have the retention problem until 10 years ago, and it's gotten worse.

"The required hours for training has increased and the 'free time' that people have has decreased," he said. They currently have seven members with over 30 years of experience with the department.

"The way our society is now, I am unsure if we will ever see people make a commitment to our department for that long again," he said. "I would estimate that for every three new people we hire, we only keep one beyond two years. The other two leave within the first two years."

Cairnduff said they don't see as many people who grew up in Fenton applying to be a firefighter in Fenton. Many of their applicants moved here recently and then they move again. They hold events

to interact with the local youth in hopes of inspiring them to join the department when they're older.

Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz said firefighters will spend eight hours at their 9 to 5 job, and possibly respond to a structure fire in the evening and they're on scene until 2 a.m.

"It's hard for them to get up and go back to work the next day. They have to put food on the table at home," he said. "They have to be on top of protecting our township."

Volz said there is a lot of training that comes with keeping up on continued education. Firefighters have to stay knowledgeable on what materials cars and buildings are made from so they know how to extinguish a fire. Homes burn faster than they did years ago and firefighters have to train to deal with different models of cars, such as battery powered cars.

For firefighters trained in EMS, there's even more work with keeping up on first responder certification. On Monday, June 4, Fenton Township firefighters certified in EMS trained with Narcan (emergency treatment for opioid overdose) and epinephrine (emergency treatment for life-threatening allergic reactions), which is required every six months.

"The township has a lot more (training) than others because we do specialized stuff," he said.

Firefighters have to do hazmat (hazardous materials) recertification, and those



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who become divers train twice a month in the water. They also have to pass physicals and agility tests, on top of medical training and continued fire training. "It adds up," he said.

The Fenton Township Fire Department employs 25 paid on-call firefighters to cover approximately 17,000 residents. They're paid for training and when they go on call. If there's a lot of work, Volz said he can give them "a good chunk of change" at the end of the month.

"The majority of firefighters are paid on-call because it's what the municipalities can afford. They need to have a job because this doesn't support them enough," Volz said. "This is just something they choose to do because they want to help their community."

National Fire Protection Agency

Across the U.S., volunteer fire departments save municipalities, and taxpayers, \$139.8 billion per year in firefighting costs, according to a 2014 report. Approximately 70 percent of America's firefighters are volunteers, and 85 percent of the nation's fire departments are all or mostly volunteer.

HOW MUCH ARE ON-CALL FIREFIGHTERS PAID?

The amount firefighters are paid varies on the department.

- Firefighters at **Argentine Township** earn \$10 when they start, and pay goes up to \$16 an hour. The department currently has 24 paid on-call firefighters.

- **Fenton City Fire** Chief Bob Cairnduff said the department's firefighters are paid \$25 for the first hour and \$17 an hour for overtime. Those rates come into play after they are off probation and finish all required training.

- At **Fenton Township**, Fire Chief Ryan Volz said the pay is determined by training. Starting pay is \$11 an hour. At level one, it's an added \$1. At level two, it's another \$1. If they're trained in hazmat operations or medical first responder training, that's another \$1 each. If the firefighter is also an EMT, it's another \$2. Firefighter officers one and two receive another \$2. Volz said the top pay is \$19 per call.

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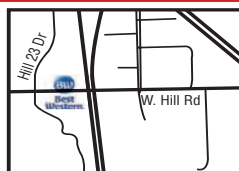
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WHAT YOU MISSED *in the* MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following are stories you may have missed in the **Wednesday, June 6, Midweek Times**. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

Fenton woman dies in head-on crash with semi

Oscoda Township police say semi-truck crossed centerline on U.S. 23. The driver of the truck also was killed.



Fenton schools hire resource officer

Adding another layer of safety is chief concern of school administrators, police.

Linden tent decision goes to City Council

Angry residents oppose ordinance change that prohibits tents in front yards.

Choosing a new doctor can be a daunting task

A personal visit is among the important things to do when choosing a new physician.

A look back at 1968

'Night of the Living Dead' debuts 50 years ago. Considered today the 'king of zombie flicks.'

The 1953 Beecher tornado

It slipped to second deadliest in U.S. history after 2011 Joplin, Missouri tornado. Both were F-5 storms.

News briefs

Springfield Urgent Care receives highest level of distinction

Springfield Urgent Care in Clarkston has received the Accredited Urgent Care designation, the highest level of distinction for urgent care centers. Springfield Urgent Care is the first urgent care to gain this accreditation in the Lower Peninsula. They are the only dual UCA Accredited urgent care for urgent care services and occupational medicine services in the state Michigan. Springfield Urgent Care's centers provide patients with walk-in, extended-hour medical attention with licensed providers for a large scope of medical conditions and have met all of the Urgent Care Association's established standards and criteria for quality of patient care, safety, and scope of services. With its accreditation, Springfield Urgent Care and the Urgent Care Association demonstrate their commitment toward providing patients with access to quality care of the highest level.

'It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood'

■ Movie about children's TV icon, Mr. Rogers, opened Friday

By Vera Hogan

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He's been everyone's friend and neighbor since "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" was launched in 1966. Throughout the decades, children have perched before the TV, watching this quiet man teach them about life, kindness, love and friendship for 30 minutes each day — in his own gentle way.

We are, of course, talking about Fred Rogers, who is featured in a new film called "You are my friend." The movie, which opened in theaters Friday, June 8, starring Tom Hanks, is not a biographical picture, however.

The movie, which stars Hanks as the beloved children's show host and pop cultural icon, is largely focused on a reporter and Rogers' relationship to his life, and how the reporter's whole world changes when coming in contact with Rogers.

The story follows the life of Tom Junod, who forged an emotional bond with the "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" star while profiling him for "Esquire" magazine in 1998.

It's a story about kindness and family connection and trying to tap into one's better self. In the research for the movie, the writers found that more people than they could possibly count credited Rogers with changing their lives.

It's about one man, who's at a critical point in his life becoming a new father, having issues with his own father, and meeting Rogers to write a piece about him, thinking it's going to be a bit of a puff piece, but it ends up changing his entire life.

Source: ew.com

About Fred Rogers

Born on March 20, 1928, in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, Fred Rogers was a puppeteer and ordained Presbyterian minister who became the host of the TV program "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood." With a degree in music composition, he wrote 200 songs for the show, including the theme, "It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood."

Rogers loved Latrobe, a small town tucked between the western-most ridge of the Allegheny Mountains and the Pittsburgh region. It is a community heavily influenced by the Rogers family, which exemplified the strong, hard-working, and faith-driven culture of Western Pennsylvania. He always loved Latrobe, which became the basis for the television neighborhood he later created.

His father, James Hillis Rogers, was a very successful businessman who was



PHOTO: INTERVIEWMAGAZINE.COM

Shown here are Mr. Rogers and speedy delivery man, Mr. McFeely, played by David Newell. Mr. McFeely's character is taken from Rogers' maternal grandfather.



Tom Hanks plays the part of Fred Rogers in the movie, "You are my friend," which opened in theaters Friday, June 8.

relied upon by many of the local residents. His beloved mother, Nancy McFeely Rogers, was the daughter of a similarly successful businessman. The whole family was steeped in a strong sense of service and strong ties to community, friends, and relatives.

For a time, Rogers' childhood was difficult. He was overweight, somewhat shy, and introverted. Although respira-

tory ailments were not uncommon among children in the heavy-industry environment of Western Pennsylvania, Fred was sometimes homebound because of his childhood asthma, even kept inside in air-conditioning during the worst air congestion of the summer months. He felt his physical and emotional childhood isolation acutely in ways that built the depth of sensitivity and empathy that characterized his life and work as an adult.

Grown-ups who noticed his sensitivity as a child advised him: "Just don't let on you care, then nobody will bother you." But he did care and ended up taking great solace, and guidance, from his maternal grandfather.

That first Mr. McFeely, the namesake for the character later made famous on "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," patiently taught Rogers to have a sense of self-esteem. He would say, "Freddie, you make my day very special."

Rogers' own sense of loneliness and self-doubt taught him to be aware of the

insecurities and needs of small children. By the time he got to high school, he had become more confident and capable. He had developed into an accomplished student and musician, and his popularity grew.

"Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" ran on PBS from 1968 to 2001, with reruns that aired until August 2008.

In the very first show that aired on PBS, Rogers began the program much as he would over the next 33 years by walking through the front door of his television house and trading in his raincoat and suit jacket for a zippered sweater. The sweaters soon became as much a part of the program as his puppets. In all, Rogers had about two dozen of them, all made by his mother. In 1984, the Smithsonian Institution chose to put one of the famous sweaters on exhibit.

Rogers and his wife, Joanne, raised two sons. He died of stomach cancer on Feb. 27, 2003.

Source: fredrogerscenter.org

Tips to being a good neighbor

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BOOM! The Fenton Freedom Festival fireworks need you!

■ Now you can easily make a donation online to support the \$13,000 fireworks show

By Sally Rummel

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The Fenton Freedom Festival Fireworks on the Fourth of July is the finale to one of the biggest and best summer events in Genesee County.

Thousands of people come from near and far to experience the colorful BOOMS and patriotic music show that celebrate the Fenton Freedom Festival's "last hurrah" at dusk.

But all this fun doesn't come cheap. The fireworks show is the most expensive part of the entire Fenton Freedom Festival, with a price tag of \$13,000 for a 38-minute show.

While businesses have been hugely generous in supporting the show over the 28 years of the festival fireworks tradition, the festival committee is now making it easy for individuals who love the show to help support it, also.

"So many events are happening now in Fenton that there are lots of financial demands on local businesses," said Pat Lockwood, festival chairperson.

"We offer an opportunity for businesses and civic groups to support the fireworks through our popular Adopt-A-Firework program. But we know there are many individuals in our community who also want to support the fireworks, but aren't always in the right place at the right time to make a donation."

That is all changing this year with the debut of a new online donation site on the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce's website.

“When the people of Fenton find out there is a need, they answer the call.”

Pat Lockwood
Fenton Freedom Festival
chairperson



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The Fenton Freedom Festival fireworks show is the most expensive event of the entire Fourth of July festival and needs the community's support.

"All you have to do is go to fentonchamber.com and click on 'Fenton Freedom Festival Donate Now,'" said Shelly Day, chamber executive director. "Then click on the 'Register Now' button. You don't even have to be a chamber member to make a donation."

Choose your donation price point: \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 or \$100. One hundred percent of the funds raised will go toward the support of the fireworks show.

"We usually have enough money raised to cover most of the other festival bills," Lockwood said. "We do think this year's festival will be bigger than ever because many people will be home during the mid-week Fourth of July holiday. Plus, the Grand Marshal Reception, which will recognize 12 'Hometown Heroes' from the Fenton

Fire Department and STAT EMS, will be bigger than ever."

The Fenton Freedom Festival is hoping that the ease of making a donation online from the comfort of your home will help bring in the dollars necessary to keep the fireworks show going.

"It's the biggest financial cost of the festival," Lockwood said. "The price just keeps going up. I don't think most people realize just how big the festival is and how much goes into it. When the people of Fenton find out there is a need, they answer the call. That's exactly what we're hoping will happen with this plea for fireworks funds."

The Fenton Freedom Festival Committee and other volunteers will be collecting donations at VG's Grocery at Silver Parkway and North LeRoy Street on Friday and Saturday, June 29 and 30. "We know we miss a lot of people who want to support the fireworks; that's why we've added this online option," Day said.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO THE YOUNG lady in the Grand Prix Tuesday afternoon. Obviously, you were confused, so I'll try to explain it to you. The young man was standing next to his bicycle on the corner of Poplar and Silver Lake Road at a red light. We had the green arrow. Why you chose to stop on a green arrow is beyond me. Hope this helps.

DO YOU SERIOUSLY think that the criminals care about what your laws are? So you're saying we should legalize murder then because criminals don't care about laws?

IN ORDER TO screw up our emotions, the media has gone to Hawaiian residents to interview them about their lost homes. They knew that it was a volcanic area when they moved there, just like New Orleans is a sand bag city built below sea level.

BLAME OBAMA FOR the national debt all you want but how much do you think the national debt increased due to George W. Bush's two wars in the Middle East and how much are they costing us now?

THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NOTHING wrong with change in different ideas so long as they're intelligent, common sense ideas.

AFTER 242 YEARS we are learning the Constitution is just a suggestion?

I SAW AN interesting quote from one of the gifted liberals today. In 2016, she stated that the economy would suffer greatly if Trump were elected. Today this same person stated that Trump isn't responsible for our growing economy.

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Meet URS GEIGER

- Lake Fenton resident
- Native of Switzerland
- Sailor

By Sally Rummel

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Urs Geiger, 67, resides on Lake Fenton with his wife, Gail, and Rocky, a rescue mini Schnauzer-Yorkie mix. A native of Switzerland, he has lived in Michigan since 1978, when he was transferred from Swiss company Georg Fischer to GFFS/Sutter in Holly. After three years, he decided he really liked Michigan and made it his home. He met his wife, Gail, a Grand Blanc native, in 1987, got married and moved to Lake Fenton in 1989.

Geiger became a U.S. citizen in 1992 and started to work in 1994 for Loramendi, Inc., the U.S. subsidiary of a Spanish company. A mechanical engineer, Geiger is the manager of this subsidiary with a staff of seven people. He plans to retire some time next year.



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Sailing and water sports of all kinds keep Lake Fenton resident Urs Geiger busy all summer long.

What is your favorite part about living on Lake Fenton?

I always loved the calming effect of water, growing up close to Lake Luzern (Vierwaldstaettersee). We are so lucky to be able to enjoy life on the waters and enjoy the wildlife and all the activities it provides. The Lake Fenton Sailing Club is another great feature of Lake Fenton, as well as the Moose Lodge. Coming home after a long day to spend some time on the water is therapeutic.

What kind of lake activities do you enjoy the most?

My wife and I love the watersports. Gail is a great swimmer and we both love sailing and kayaking. When we were younger, we also loved water skiing and ice fishing. I still enjoy windsurfing and fishing. Even in the winter, ice skating or cross-country skiing gets us outside.

How different is lake living here than in Switzerland?

Growing up we went to the public beach in Meggen and Luzern. The cost of living on a lake in Switzerland is extremely high. The biggest difference is that most boats are sailboats; Jet Skis are not allowed on most lakes. Any motorboat with more than 8 HP motor or any sailboat with an over 15-square-meter sail area requires a license. The public beaches have restaurants and different sports activities, including

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Urs Geiger
Swiss native living on Lake Fenton

volleyball and badminton fields, Ping Pong tables and soccer fields. Growing up on these beaches were the meeting points on the weekends.

What kind of boat do you sail?

I am sailing an MC Scow, which is a single-handed boat with a big following in the USA. We have a fleet in our club and we sail regattas during the summer every Sunday morning (two races) and Wednesday evenings (one race). I attend regattas on other lakes in Michigan and Ohio and sail in the 60 and over age group. I won some races at our club and finish in the middle of the field on invitational regattas.

If you could sail anywhere in the world, where would it be?

We have sailed small boats on vacation in the Caribbean and I sailed with my father on Lake Luzern. I never thought about a "dream place" to sail except for Aruba for windsurfing because of the steady wind and shallow waters. Just to be able to sail is incentive enough.

What are some of your other hobbies?

I picked up golf. I still love downhill skiing and I started archery eight years ago. I shoot an Olympic style recurve bow. I am a member of the Flint Bowmen and participate in state and national tournaments. I don't hunt, however. Archery has become my main sport since we also shoot indoors the whole winter season. I also read a lot of newspapers from U.S., England, Switzerland and Germany, and locally, the Times (we love it!). We also read a lot of books. We like to travel for sports and education.

What is your favorite American food and what do you miss from Switzerland?

I love corn on the cob from local farmers. I miss the white asparagus, which is coming in season in Europe now. I also miss Roesti, a Swiss dish similar to hash browns, made from potatoes and cooked like a big pie. Luckily, we can buy cheese to make a real Swiss cheese fondue in the winter.

If you could change something about people, what would it be?

I wish people would be more civil to each other and respect a different point of view without calling each other names. The Hot lines are a good example.



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Last-minute Father's Day gift ideas

■From sports, to grilling, to books, to hot sauces — there's something perfect for your dad

By Hannah Ball

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If you waited until the last minute to think about getting your dad a gift for Father's Day on Sunday, June 17, do not fret.

Here are 10 last-minute Father's Day gift ideas from moneytalksnews.com:

1 The **59FIFTY baseball caps** make a great accessory as well as a donation to the Prostate Cancer Foundation. All Major League Baseball teams will wear blue-tinted caps on Father's Day to support the foundation. The MLB will donate licensed royalties from the caps to organizations supported by MBL Charities, which includes the Prostate Cancer Foundation and Stand Up to Cancer. Your dad and the players can wear matching hats on the day.
Cost: \$35.99



2 Take him to a game. Buy **tickets to the Detroit Tigers game** for June 17 when the Detroit Tigers will play against the Chicago White Sox. The game starts at 2:10 p.m.
Cost: Tickets start at \$5.

3 If your dad is a handyman, there's a good chance he'll get carpal tunnel from using his hands so much. Get him a **Drillbrush Power Scrubber**. It attaches to a power drill and helps users clean equipment and more, much easier.
Cost: \$25.95, drill not included



4 A lot of men like beer, and they like drinking it from a nice glass. Try these **Bad Dog Wisdom tumblers** as a gift for your dad and watch him chuckle with every sip. The images on the glasses include sayings like "defy authority" with a dog drinking toilet water, or "assess risk and reward" featuring a dog sneaking food off a dinner table.
Cost: \$35



Take your dad out for an **afternoon of golf**. In the tri-county area, we are blessed with many different golf courses, from Fenton Farms Golf Club, Hartland Glen Golf Course, Hunters Ridge Golf Course, Coyote Preserve Golf Club and Tyrone Hills Golf Club. Have a fun time out on the course with your father.
Cost: depends on golf course and day of the week



6 Have your dad eat like a president with **Legal Sea Foods clam chowder**, which has been served at U.S. presidential inaugurations since 1981. It contains littleneck clams, pork salt, onions, diced potatoes, and salt and pepper.
Cost: one quart with oyster crackers online costs approximately \$26



7 **Yard games** are a great activity during summer, and one your dad would love to enjoy with family and friends. At your local stores, look for bocce ball, cornhole sets, giant Jenga, horseshoes, KanJam, Ladderball, and more.
Cost: varies on the game and store



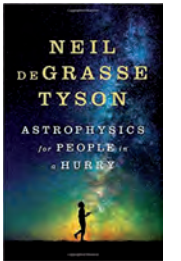
8 If your dad likes spicy food, a collection of **hot sauces** would be a fun and experimental gift. Visit your local grocery stores, like VG's, Alpine Marketplace and Holly Foods, and pick up an assortment of hot sauces in varying degrees of hotness. Frank's RedHot original sauce has a scoville level (hotness level) of 450. Frank's RedHot XTRA Hot has a level of 2,000. One of the hottest sauces is Blair's 16 Million Reserve, which has a level of 16,000,000. Challenge your dad and see how hot he can eat his wings.
Cost: depends on sauce



9 If you're looking to do something personal, you can **recreate one of your childhood photos** of you and your siblings. Have a photo of the group at the beach when you were kids? Recreate it. Wear similar clothes, do the same poses and facial expressions, and then frame it.
Cost: Priceless



10 A **good read** is always a good gift. If your dad loves the universe and learning about it, buy Neil Degrasse Tyson's "Astrophysics for People in a Hurry" at Fenton's Open Book. If he loves to cook and grill, buy "Michael Symon's Playing with Fire," where the host from "The Chew" talks about barbecue with more than 70 recipes.
Cost: Tyson's: \$12, Symon's: \$23



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A group of campers prepare to settle in at North Manitou Island, a Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore island.

Be closer to nature with dispersed camping

■ Despite lack of amenities,
roughing it can be rewarding

Compiled By Vera Hogan
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The thought of spending a week or two outdoors, getting away from it all with no special amenities may sound like a good idea these days.

If you want to rough it outside of the

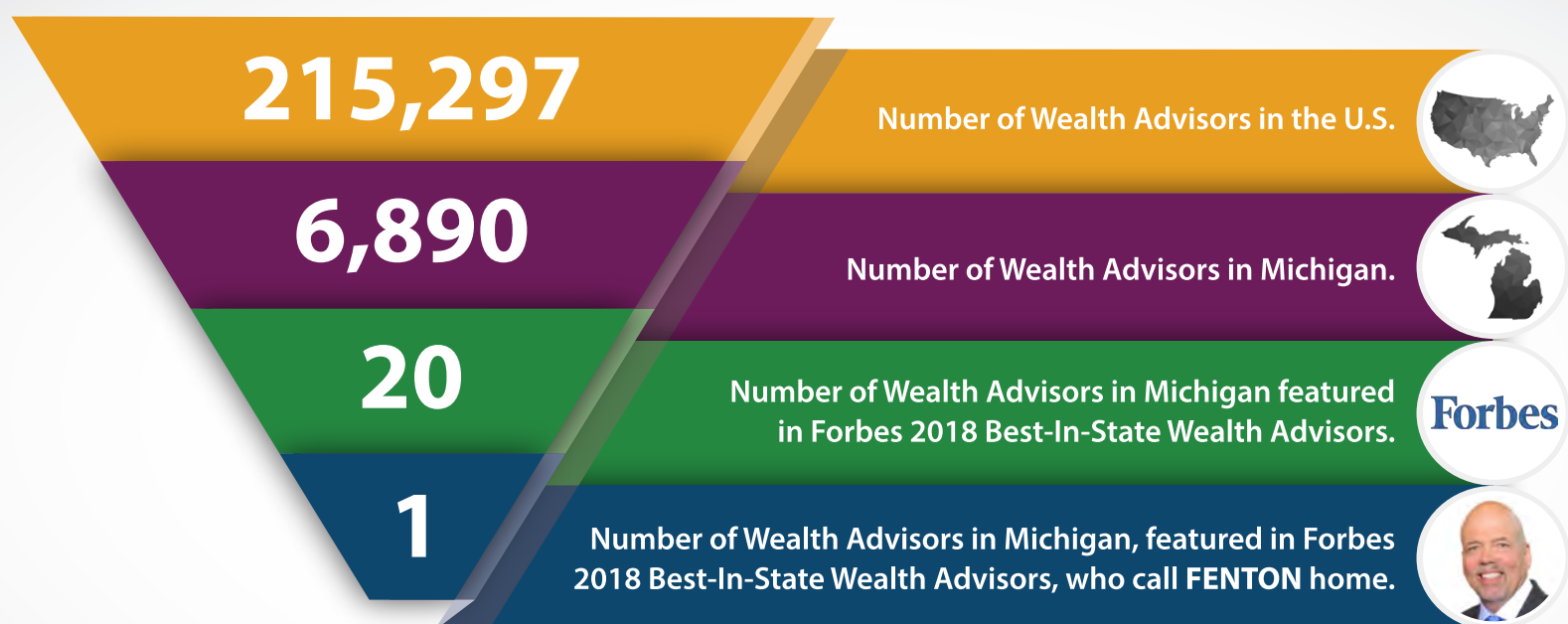
traditional campgrounds, dispersed camping may be for you.

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HEPATITIS A

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Guests who consumed food or drinks at the facility on May 26 through May 31 may have been exposed to Hepatitis A, according to the Genesee County Health Department (GCHD). This does not include the retail portion of the winery/brewery business (bottled product).

The Genesee County Health Department recommends anyone who visited the Fenton Winery & Brewery during these dates and has not been vaccinated for hepatitis A or who has a sudden onset of any symptoms should contact their health care provider. It is important to get the vaccination as soon as possible.

Fenton Winery & Brewery released a statement Wednesday on its Facebook page, "As a precautionary measure, the Genesee County Health Department informed us that, prior to working here, one of our former trainees may have been exposed to Hepatitis A. The window of possible contact was only between May 26-May 31. This employee was never involved in any kitchen or production duties. The case did not originate here and as of June 1, there is zero risk at Fenton Winery & Brewery."

Matt Sherrow, owner of Fenton Winery & Brewery, said Thursday, "To be clear, the Hepatitis A case was not contracted here. A person who already had it started working here and it wasn't until we received a call from the Oakland County Health Department that the true nature of their status was confirmed."

Sherrow and his wife, Ginny, who founded their Fenton business in 2007 both say, "The protection of our employees and the public is our number one priority. No matter how small the risk might have been, an onsite immunization was scheduled immediately upon learning from the Oakland County Health Department that there was a potential risk."

Sherrow added that the reality is exposure can happen anywhere at any time and they wanted to do their part to help eliminate risk in Southeast Michigan.

The Sherrows and their staff shared a post on the FWB's Facebook of a complete staff immunization. Following that, Sherrow said, "We were elated to receive a call from another local, well-known restaurant wanting information about holding their own in-house vaccine day. This was very exciting for us. If we stand together, we can reduce the risk in our community."

Hepatitis A is an infection of the liver caused by a virus. The virus is shed in feces and is most commonly spread from person to person by unclean hands. Symptoms of infection may include sud-



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The staff at Fenton Winery & Brewery pose after they were vaccinated against Hepatitis A on Thursday, June 7. The Fenton business wants to ensure the community that the protection of their employees and the public is their number one priority.

den abdominal pain, diarrhea, nausea, headache, dark urine, and/or vomiting often followed by yellowing of the skin and eyes (jaundice). Symptoms may appear from 14-50 days after exposure, with

an average of about one month.

Michigan is currently experiencing a serious outbreak of hepatitis A. Genesee County is considered to be an outbreak county.

TO REDUCE THE RISK OF HEPATITIS A:

- **Get the Hepatitis A vaccine.**
- **Wash hands frequently**, especially after using the bathroom, changing diapers, and before preparing and eating food. Rub hands vigorously with soap and warm running water for at least 20 seconds.
- **Clean and disinfect all** surfaces areas, especially while someone in the household or workplace has symptoms. Particular care needs to be taken with areas such as toilets, sinks, trash containers, door knobs, and faucet handles.
- **At home, do not** prepare food if you have symptoms, and refrain from food preparation for at least three days after symptoms have ended.

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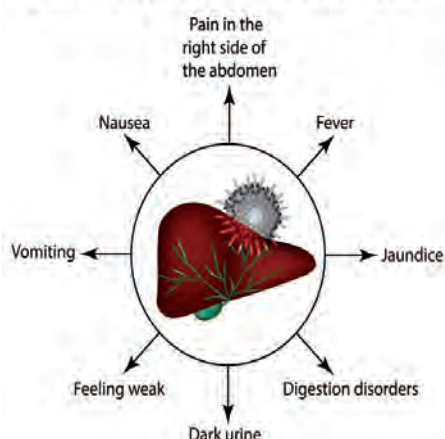
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Notice is hereby given the Tyrone Township Board will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall, 10408 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan 48430. The purpose for the Public Hearing is to receive public comments regarding the proposed township hall building renovations.

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

A copy of the variance request is available for public inspection at the City of Fenton offices, 301 South Leroy Street, during regular business hours. Written comments concerning the variance 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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Great reads for Father's Day gift giving

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By Vera Hogan

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An unlikely pair of collaborators released a million copies of their joint novel on Monday, June 4.

The authors, former President Bill Clinton, and bestselling author James Patterson, wrote, "The President is Missing."

By Tuesday, June 5, the novel soared to No. 1 on both the Amazon and Barnes & Noble bestseller lists.

The book has already sold the rights for a Showtime network drama series, reportedly for more than \$5 million, according to nypost.com.

According to Patterson's website (jamespatterson.com), "As the novel opens, a threat looms. Enemies are planning an attack of unprecedented scale on America. Uncertainty and fear grip Washington. There are whispers of cyber terror and espionage and a traitor in the cabinet. The President himself becomes a suspect, and then goes missing ..."



Other great reads for the guys this summer



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A detective investigates a seemingly wholesome member of the community when an 11-year-old boy's body is found in a town park.



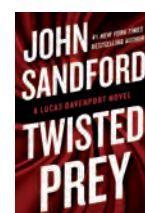
THE FALLEN By David Baldacci

Amos Decker, known as the Memory Man, puts his talents toward solving a string of murders in a Rust Belt town.



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CAMPING

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enjoy the solitude and primitive experience of camping away from developed campgrounds and other campers.

There are extra responsibilities and skills necessary for dispersed camping. It is the camper's responsibility to know these before trying this new experience. You need to be self-contained and strictly adhere to the "leave no trace behind" rule.

Be "bear aware." There are bears in the national forests so camp accordingly. They are always on the hunt for food.

To experience dispersed camping, you need to have the right motivations. Saving a few bucks is great. But don't disperse camp just to save \$10. Do it because you crave solitude and adventure, because you're doing an overnight trip that requires it, or because there's a picturesque lake where you want to wake up on a beautiful summer morning.

Be prepared for the fact that there won't be a toilet nearby. If you're base-camping for a few days, or with a large group, this can become gross at best and downright dangerous at worst. Be sure to dig a cat hole 8 inches deep, pack out your toilet paper, and don't defecate anywhere near water.

Dispersed camping can be tough on the land. This is especially acute at lakes and along rivers where everyone and their Instagram feed want to spend the night. No one wants to roll up to a beautiful riverside campsite and find litter, three different fire rings, half burnt logs, and a house-sized swath of dusty ground bereft of any vegetation.

Work extra hard to reduce your footprint.

Use existing fire rings and break up the extra ones you find.

Set your tents up closely and avoid the temptation to follow or create a web of social trails.

Only put logs that will burn completely on the fire and make sure the fire is dead out (douse, stir and feel) before you leave the campsite.

Don't become a landscape architect because there's no perfectly flat spot. Making due with the land as it exists is pretty much the whole point of dispersed camping.

Lastly, respect closures. The Forest Service will often close off an area that has been overused so it can recover. Let it.

No one wants to roll up to a beautiful riverside campsite and find litter, three different fire rings, half burnt logs, and a house-sized swath of dusty ground bereft of any vegetation.

Finally, be aware that dispersed camping turns the danger quotient up a few notches. Look up to see if there are dead limbs or even trees that could crash down in the wind. Look around to see where rainwater might flow if a storm blows through. Be sure you're out of the flood plain in case a dam release or rainstorm raises the water level. Don't camp in the middle of a game trail or, for that matter, a trail at all (illegal and annoying).

In addition to bear, be snake aware, deer aware, rodent aware, raccoon aware, bird aware and more.

Despite this list of finger-wagging admonishments, dispersed camping is truly special. It's also pretty much essential if you're going to be doing overnight trips in national forests, whether on trails or rivers. Getting comfortable with dispersed camping will help you reap the rewards that come with breaking free of the traditional campground.

For information on where dispersed camping is allowed in Michigan and the United States, go to www.fs.usda.gov.

Source: www.fs.usda.gov

NOTICE

HOLLY TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Holly Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on:

DATE: JUNE 27, 2018
TIME: 6:00 PM
PLACE: HOLLY AREA SCHOOLS MEETING ROOM
KARL RICHTER COMMUNITY CENTER
920 E. BAIRD
HOLLY, MI 48442
PHONE: 248-634-9331 Ext. 301

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider a Three (3) Variance Requests from the Yard Setbacks Requirements in the Holly Township Code of Ordinances Chapter 32 Zoning, Section 32-104 Schedule of Regulations by the following applicants:

Dirt Werx Excavating, LLC. 13937 Webster Rd., Suite A, Bath, MI 48808. Parcel ID numbers 01-28-127-064, 01-28-127-017 and 01-28-127-010

Any person having interest is encouraged to attend the hearing or comment by letter to the Holly Township Zoning Administrator, 102 Civic Drive, Holly, MI 48442.

A copy of the application may be reviewed at the Clerk's office at the above-mentioned address during regular business hours Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. except holidays.

Handicap persons needing assistance to attend or participate in this hearing are asked to contact the Township Clerk at 248-634-9331 Ext. 301 or by writing to the above-mentioned address at least 5 business days prior to the meeting.

Karin S. Winchester, Clerk/Zoning Administrator

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE 7TH CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF GENESEE

Marilyn J. Ward,
Case No: 18-110474-CH
Plaintiff
Honorable: David J. Newblatt
v.
Charles Ditkoff, Ruth Ditkoff,
Abe B. Chaitman, Reva Chaitman,
Leonard R. Chapman,
Sadye Chapman
John Doe, Mary Roe, and
XYZ Company

Defendants.

WINEGARDEN, HALEY, LINDHOLM,
TUCKER & HIMELHOCH PLC
Attorneys for Plaintiff
By: John R. Tucker (P37348)
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ORDER FOR ALTERNATE SERVICE ON ALL
DEFENDANTS

AT A SESSION OF THE COURT HELD IN
THE COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF FLINT,
GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN ON THE
18TH DAY OF MAY, 2018

PRESENT: THE HONORABLE DAVID J.
NEWBLATT CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

This matter has come before the
Court upon the Plaintiff's Ex-parte
Motion for Alternate Service. The Court
has reviewed the Ex-Parte Motion for
Alternate Service and states and orders
as follows:

A. Nature of Proceedings: This is a
suit to quiet title to real property. The
Plaintiff has filed suit asking this Court
to declare the Plaintiff the sole owner of
the following described property, free
and clear of any claims of interest of any
other parties:

Part of the Northeast 1/4, Section
27, Township 5 North, Range 6 East,
described as beginning at a point on
the Westerly right-of-way line of North
Road, South 01 Degrees 43 Minutes 42
Seconds East, 958.68 feet and South 32
Degrees 01 Minutes 58 Seconds West,
217.33 feet and North 57 Degrees 58
Minutes 02 Seconds West, 50 feet
and South 31 Degrees 19 Minutes 24
Seconds West, 385.88 feet from the
Northeast corner of said Section 27;
thence South 88 Degrees 16 Minutes
18 Seconds West, 904.18 feet more
or less to the East eighth line of said
Section 27; thence South on said East
eighth line to a point 100 feet North
of the South line of the North 51 acres
of the East half of the Northeast 1/4
of said Section 27; thence East along
the North line of the South 100 feet
of the North 51 acres of the East half
of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section

27 to the Westerly right-of-way line
of North Road; thence Northwesterly
along the said right-of-way line to the
point of beginning. Also, the West
34.5 feet of the South 599.98 feet of
the North 1434 feet of the East 1/4 of
the Northeast quarter of said Section
27, Township 5 North, Range 6 East,
Township of Fenton, Genesee County,
Michigan; commonly known as **15168
North Road, Fenton, Michigan 48430**
(the "Property").

B. Answer Required. The Named
Defendants, Charles Ditkoff, Ruth Ditkoff,
Abe B. Chaitman, Reva Chaitman,
Leonard R. Chapman, and Sadye
Chapman and the unknown Defendants,
John Doe, Mary Roe, and XYZ Company
who are persons or entities which
include the heirs, devisees, grantees
or assignees of any of the Named
Defendants Charles Ditkoff, Ruth Ditkoff,
Abe B. Chaitman, Reva Chaitman,
Leonard R. Chapman, and Sadye
Chapman, or any other person or entity
who otherwise claims an interest in the
Property are all hereby advised that they
must file an Answer to the Plaintiff's
Complaint or take other action permitted
by law or court rule on or before **June 25,
2018**. The Answer or other action must
be filed with the Genesee County Circuit
Court Clerk at 900 Saginaw St, Flint, MI
48502. Copies of the Answer or other
action must be served upon Plaintiff's
counsel by mail at the following address:

John R. Tucker, Esq.
Winegarden, Haley, Lindholm, Tucker &
Himelhoch PLC
G-9460 S. Saginaw Road, Suite A,
Grand Blanc, Michigan 48439

C. Effect of Failure to Answer. The
Named Defendants, Charles Ditkoff,
Ruth Ditkoff, Abe B. Chaitman, Reva
Chaitman, Leonard R. Chapman, and
Sadye Chapman and all of the unknown
Defendants, John Doe, Mary Roe and XYZ
Company are hereby advised that their
failure to answer or take other action
as permitted by law or court rule will
result in the entry of a default judgment
against the Defendants and the loss of
any interest the Defendants may have in
the Property.

D. Unknown Defendants. This case
involves certain Defendants whose
names and addresses are unknown to
the Plaintiff. These unknown Defendants
are all unknown owners of the Property
including any person or entity who
claims any interest in the Property.
The unknown Defendants include, but
are not limited to the heirs, devisees,
grantees or assignees of any of the
Named Defendants Charles Ditkoff,
Ruth Ditkoff, Abe B. Chaitman, Reva

Chaitman, Leonard R. Chapman, and
Sadye Chapman, or any other person or
entity who otherwise claims any interest
in the Property.

E. Alternate Service. The Plaintiff is
hereby ordered to take the following
steps to perfect service of process on
the Named Defendants, Charles Ditkoff,
Ruth Ditkoff, Abe B. Chaitman, Reva
Chaitman, Leonard R. Chapman, and
Sadye Chapman and on the unknown
Defendants, John Doe, Mary Roe, and
XYZ Company in this case:

1) The Plaintiff is ordered to publish a
copy of this Order once each week for
three consecutive weeks in a newspaper
(as defined in MCR 2.106(F)) which is
regularly published in Genesee County,
Michigan.
2) The Plaintiff is further ordered to
mail a copy of this Order to the following
persons at the following addresses by
both first-class mail, postage pre-paid
and by certified mail, return receipt
requested:

A. Charles and Ruth Ditkoff
3000 Arborwoods Drive
Alpharetta, Georgia 30022

B. Abe B. Chaitman
29065 E. Wellington, Apartment 8/E
Southfield, Michigan 48034.

C. Reva Chaitman
7779 E. Mineral Drive
Centennial, Colorado 80112.

D. Leonard R. Chapman and Sadye
Chapman
4322 Park Forest Drive
Flint, Michigan 48507.

3) The Court determines that no
mailing is required under MCR 2.106(D)
(2) as to the Defendants John Doe,
Mary Roe and XYZ Company as there is
no known name or address for any of
the unknown Defendants and any such
mailing would not likely result in notice
to any of the Unknown Defendants.

IT IS HEREBY SO ORDERED.

Dated: 05/18/18
Honorable David J. Newblatt
Circuit Court Judge

PREPARED BY:

John R. Tucker, Esq. P-37348
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Himelhoch PLC
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‘Lock it or Lose it’

Police remind people to lock cars, homes

By Hannah Ball

hball@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792

Argentine Twp. — “Lock it or lose
it,” is the new slogan for the
Argentine Township Police
Department as they kick off the
new campaign for the summer.

“‘Lock it or lose it’ is our
reminder and any education we
can do for the public to safe-
guard their personal property,”
said Police Chief Dan Allen.

The campaign will run
through Sept. 1.

Allen said it was ironic that he spoke
about the campaign at the Monday, May
21 meeting considering how the previous

weekend went. On Sunday, May 20, they
responded to one stolen car complaint,
two home invasions, and three larceny-
from-auto calls, all in one day. Allen said
they do have a suspect in custody.

Det. Sgt. Doug Fulton said they took
place all in the same area. “No
one had their stuff locked up,”
he said.

Commonly stolen items
from cars include purses,
wallets, credit cards, GPS de-
vices, cell phones, computers,
sunglasses and more.

Fulton said one person’s
home was broken into twice.
The owner didn’t keep his

door locked.

“It’s the most preventable crime you
can possibly imagine,” Fulton said.

**“No one
had their
stuff locked
up.”
Doug Fulton
Argentine Township
detective sergeant**

LIFE IN PRISON Continued from Front Page

Frederick Daniel Clark, 28, Christian
Lee Lover, 23 and Mataya Delores Shaw,
23, were apprehended less than a week
later and were charged with first-degree
premeditated murder and conspiracy to
commit murder.

The three suspects, all from Owosso,
face life in prison without possibility of
parole if convicted of the charges.

Six witnesses took the stand Monday,
including Anne Davies, a Metro Police
Authority of Genesee County officer.
Davies was the first to respond to the 911
call on a body being found in a Mundy
Township field.

She said the body appeared to have
blood all over his face and it looked like
lividity (bluish appearance, indicating
death) may have set in.

After allegedly stabbing Culkins to
death, it is believed the trio went to a
nearby gas station. After they left, the gas

station clerk noticed the wrapper from
a stolen store item in the restroom and
called 911.

Officer Gunner Wright of the Grand
Blanc Township police stopped the three
on foot. He said he found a pair of blue
latex gloves with a red substance on them.
Clark admitted to Wright that it was blood.
He said he was drunk at a bonfire the night
before and had hit his head on a tree.

The preliminary exams are scheduled to
continue at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19.

Shaw, Lover and Clark also face one
count of retail fraud in Grand Blanc Town-
ship. They were in court Tuesday, May 1 for
a pretrial for the fraud that allegedly took
place April 21, the same day as the murder.

This is not Lover’s first brush with the
law. According to the Michigan Depart-
ment of Corrections, Lover was sentenced
to 20 months in prison in December 2012
for breaking and entering and unlawful
use of a vehicle in Shiawassee County. He
was paroled in December 2013.

PUBLIC NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS JUNE 4, 2018

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday June 4, 2018 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

1. Trustee Goupil offered the opening prayer.
2. Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
3. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of \$147,658.86.
4. After conducting a public hearing on same, adopted Resolution No. 2018-14, creating the North Shore Drive Improvement Special Assessment District.
5. Approved a local road agreement with the Genesee County Road Commission for the reconstruction of Eleanor Street between Owen Road and Island View Drive.
6. Approved a local road agreement with the Genesee County Road Commission for the paving of Whitaker Road between Linden Road and Harp Drive.
7. Re-appointed Mark E. Mustola and Donna L. Warren to the Fenton Township Planning Commission for the term ending May 31, 2021.
8. Adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

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**TOWNSHIP OF TYRONE
LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN
1951 PA 33 PROCEEDINGS**

**Notice of Public Hearing on the Police and Fire
Protection
Special Assessment District No. X0082**

TO THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TYRONE, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on motion of the Township Board, the Township of Tyrone proposes that a special assessment district be established for the purpose of providing police and fire protection throughout the entire Township, under the authority of MI Public Act 33 of 1951, as amended. The Township Board proposes to establish a special assessment for the recovery of the cost of those services by the qualified properties benefited by those services.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the District within which the assessment is proposed to take place and within which the cost is proposed to be assessed are more particularly described as follows: all real property located within the municipal boundaries of the Township of Tyrone, except those properties exempt from the collection of taxes under the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, as amended.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the Township Board has received a cost estimate for the project in the approximate amount of \$605,550.00, which will be assessed against each parcel of land within the District as follows: a) vacant parcels, \$75.00; b) parcels with residential structures, \$150.00; c) parcels containing structures or trailers with multiple units, \$250.00, plus an additional \$20.00 per unit; and (d) all other parcels, \$250.00; which has been placed on file in the Clerk's office and has passed a Resolution tentatively declaring its intent to establish the Special Assessment District. The term of the Special Assessment District is five years.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE estimates and Special Assessment District may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk from the date of this Notice until and including the date of the public hearing and may further be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT a public hearing upon such plans, the boundaries of the Special Assessment District and cost estimate will be held at the Township Hall, 10408 Center Road, Fenton, MI commencing at **7:00 P.M. on June 19, 2018.**

At such hearing, the Board will consider any written objections and comments to any of the foregoing matters which are filed with the Clerk at or prior to the time of the hearing, and any objections or comments raised at the hearing; and at the hearing (or any adjournment of the hearing which may be made without further notice) the Board may revise, correct, amend, or change the plans, or estimates of costs of the Special Assessment District. Written objections or comments may be filed with the Clerk at the address set out above.

The Township Board may determine to proceed to make this special assessment for police and fire protection without an election unless the owners of at least 10% of the land to be made into the Special Assessment District file a petition calling for an election on the question of raising money by special assessment for such police and fire protection, with the Township Clerk, prior to the date the assessment roll for the special assessment is confirmed.

The appearance and protest at this hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal if an appeal should be desired. A property owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment or may file his or her appearance by letter delivered to the Township Clerk at or prior to the hearing to be held, and upon the filing of such a letter, his or her personal appearance shall not be required.

The property owners or any person having an interest in the property subject to the proposed special assessment may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the State Tax Tribunal within 30 days after confirmation of the special assessment roll if that special assessment was protested at this hearing.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place and to submit comments concerning any of the foregoing. Please contact Marcella Husted, Township Clerk, at (810) 629-8631 for additional information.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if the Township Board determines to proceed with the special assessments, it will cause a special assessment roll to be prepared and another hearing will be held, after notice to record owners of property proposed to be specially assessed, to hear public comments concerning the proposed special assessments.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and time in person or by representative and to submit comments concerning the foregoing.

Marcella Husted, CLERK
Township of Tyrone

SUV crashes in Holly, driver injured



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | HANNAH BALL

At 11:40 a.m., Thursday, June 7, Holly Village and Groveland Township fire departments and Holly police responded to a personal injury crash on Grange Hall Road, just east of N. Holly Road. Holly Police Chief Michael Story said the male driver veered from the roadway, struck a sign on the front of the Subway restaurant and struck two parked cars. The SUV continued, took out a business sign and then struck and came to rest atop the business' monster tire display. The driver was transported to Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township with unknown injuries.

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On Thursday, June 7, the outside eating area of The Deck on Lodbell Lake in Argentine Township was busy with people coming by boat and by car.

You wanna eat where?

■ **Lodbell lakefront restaurant has had nine name changes**

By Hannah Ball
hball@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792

Argentine Twp. — If you Google 8291 Silver Lake Road, you'll get search results for Ekklesia on the Water, Navistarz Bar and Grill, Plank's on the Lake, Lakeview Bar and Grill, and more recently, The Deck.

The same building, and only restaurant on Lodbell Lake in Argentine Township, is an icon where customers can come from boat or car. Philip Martinez, who took possession of the restaurant on Oct. 16, 2017, renamed it The Deck.

Martinez has been in the food business for 10 years, and used to own a sports bar in downtown Northville. Two years ago, he sold it and moved to Lodbell Lake with his wife. At that time, the Lodbell Lake restaurant was in bankruptcy. He tried to buy it, but he wasn't able to.

For a building with a reputation to change hands and names, Martinez said, "It's been really good" since opening this past fall.

"The neighbors, the people who live on the lake, the surrounding people have been very very positive," he said. "It's a

little bit ironic that instead of me thanking everyone for coming in and supporting us, they are going out of their way to thank me for opening it because they want it so bad."

History of The Deck

According to municipal records, the building was built in 1947. The earliest information available shows that Annetta Hatfield owned the building until 1998. The building was named Lakeview Tavern at this point. It was sold that year to Mark Bowser, when it was renamed Bowser's. In 2002, it was renamed Waters Edge Grill and Bar.

Then in 2009, Citizens Bank sold the building to Owen Point Properties Company LLC for \$90,000 in a foreclosure sale. The restaurant went through numerous name changes from 2009 to 2016, including The Pier, Navistarz Bar and Grill, which was the name in 2013 and 2014, and Planks on the Lake in the summer of 2015.

On March 28, 2016, LeRoy Street LLC bought the property for \$390,000 in a distress sale. Then on June 7, 2016, Leonard Brousseau bought the property from Joseph Birchmeier for \$650,000.

Brousseau changed the name to Ekklesia on the Water for the summer of 2016, but then changed the name to Lakeview Bar and Grill months later.

Martinez said the name changes didn't bother him, but they didn't want to be associated with the previous names.

"We did struggle with the name at first. But at the end of the day, when he kept coming here, the first thing that jumped out at us was the large deck that's out there," he said. "We weren't too concerned with previous names."

Martinez said they plan to make the deck bigger toward Silver Lake Road.

"The community has been very very supportive to the point where I'm just kind of ecstatic. It's a little mind boggling," he said.

“The neighbors, the people who live on the lake, the surrounding people have been very very positive.”

Philip Martinez
The Deck owner

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | HANNAH BALL

Despite nine name changes in 20 years, Lodbell Lake restaurant is as popular as ever.

Traditional or trendy?

■ Your baby's name says a lot about your personality and preferences

By Sally Rummel
news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

Are you going to be new parents or grandparents in 2018?

If you're having a baby or grandbaby this year, there's a good chance that your baby's name might be Emma, if it's a girl, or Liam, if it's a boy. These are the top two baby names so far this year, according to Babycenter.com.

While these names would be considered traditional, what would you think about Saoirse, Freya or Luna for a girl, or Atticus, Falcon or Walker for a boy? These names from pop culture are replacing many of the traditional names that used to be selected from family or biblical names.

In case you are wondering, Saoirse is a name after popular Irish actress Saoirse Ronan. Her name means "freedom" and is pronounced "seer-sha." Freya and Luna are the names of goddesses. Atticus is from "To Kill a Mockingbird," Falcon is from "Captain America" and Walker is from "Black Scorpion."

Past generations wanted their child to fit in and used more traditional names and spellings, according to Parents.com. Many of today's parents want their kids to stand out by giving them a distinctive name.

This year, watch for babies named after:

Strong women

Many of this year's baby girls will be named after strong women, following the Women's March on Washington and the #MeToo campaign, according to Babycenter.com. Watch for future leader names like Eleanor, Margaret and Ruth; goddess names and a name like Sophia, which means "wisdom."

Superheroes

Superheroes were a popular movie theme last year and many people are drawn to characters with magical powers as inspiration for their baby names. Remember Samantha from the hit TV show, "Bewitched?" That was an example of a name that skyrocketed in popularity in the mid-1960s.

This year, watch for Aurora and Grey from "X-Men" for girls and Logan from "Wolverine" or Kylo, a "Star Wars" villain, for boys.

Pop culture

Parents occasionally like to indulge in copying Hollywood baby names, or royalty. Who can forget actress Gwyneth Paltrow naming her daughter, Apple, and actor Jason Lee naming his son, Pilot Inspector?

With the Prince Harry/Meghan Markle wedding such a recent memory, watch for a spike in the popularity of Meghan's name.

Mythology

Naming your child after a Greek hero or Norse god is one way parents today are making an impact with their child's name, said Laura Wattenberg, author of "Baby Name Wizard."

Look for lots of little ones named Apollo, Athena, Atlas, Loki, Oden and Thor.



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Today's parents are following many social trends when choosing names for their babies.

Vintage names

Choosing an old-fashioned name is also trendy right now, said Wattenberg.

For parents, their own names sound boring, the baby's grandparents' names are old but the great-grandparents' names go back far enough that they sound fresh again — think of names like Hazel, Emma, Jacob, Lillian, etc.

Creative spellings

Many parents are taking a traditional name and putting their own spin on it with a unique spelling — extra vowels, a silent H and Y where there would traditionally be an I or an E (like Aayden, Khate, Rhyan). While this makes a name distinctive, it can make a child's name confusing and difficult to spell to others, according to Parents.com.

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Laura Wattenberg
Author of "Baby Name Wizard"

TOP BABY NAMES SO FAR IN 2018

Girls

Emma
Olivia
Ava
Isabella
Sophia
Amelia
Mia
Charlotte
Harper
Mila
Aria
Evelyn
Ella
Avery
Abigail
Riley
Luna
Emily
Scarlett
Chloe

Boys

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Noah
Oliver
Logan
Mason
Lucas
Ethan
Elijah
Aiden
James
Carter
Sebastian
Alexander
Jackson
Jacob
Michael
Benjamin
Daniel
William
Luke

SOURCE: Babycenter.com

HOT LINE CONTINUED

FOR DAYS WE heard that Trump's Border Patrol was placing kids in cages, but what the leftist media failed to report was that Obama did the same thing, Fact: the picture that was used to peddle the deception was from 2014, when Obama was in office. They are the masters of manufactured outrage.

HOLLY HILLS TRAILER park expansion — all because of a misfiled piece of paper. Something stinks.

MY COUSIN WORKS for People magazine. All the photos you see in there are staged, especially the ones that seem not to be. She said nearly all celebrities are way more depressed and messed-up than any normal person. Those aren't real people, they're staged photographs.

HERE COME THE millennials, the ones who got trophies for participating, who need a safe space if they hear an opinion they disagree with and who are traumatized by the least criticism. Let's hope they discover reality quickly.

SKINLESS KOEGELS? ARE you kidding me? It's the snap, crackle and pop that gets it with the casing around. No one is complaining about Koegel's. They were just a little curious if the skin was a little different.

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Marty Borski is Lake Fenton's new varsity football coach. Borski was the varsity coach at Lake Fenton from 2002 to 2009. He replaces Eric Doyle who resigned the position recently.

Borski back at the varsity helm again for LF's varsity football program

By David Troppens

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Vince Cicalo is a pretty lucky athletic director.

When Eric Doyle resigned the Lake Fenton varsity football coaching position a couple of weeks ago, he knew he had a perfect candidate right within the Blue Devils' program.

So it's not shocking he made that decision. Marty Borski, who was the varsity coach from 2002 through 2009 and was an assistant coach for Doyle, is Lake Fenton's new varsity football coach.

"It was comforting knowing he was there," Cicalo said. "Previously when Eric was exploring some administration positions I asked him if he'd be interested and he said, 'Of course, I'll be there for the kids.'" I'm sure if I asked him to be the freshman coach, he do it. He's really one of those guys that would willingly fill in any position in the program from youth to varsity, but he fills best at varsity."

The decision was a popular one.

"When I put out the tweet yesterday, it was my most like tweet I ever put out," Cicalo said.

Borski is pleased to be back at the helm.

"It does feel good," Borski said. "I would never take a spot like this for granted, but it truly never mattered to me whose name was first — if it was mine and then Eric's or Eric's and then mine. There is no ego between us. We battle like brothers. We were good together. It doesn't feel like that much is different except he won't be around."

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Spencer facing more seasoned fighter on Sunday

By David Troppens

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Joey Spencer has been preparing for his third professional boxing bout for about three months.

Within the last week he finally found out his opponent for Sunday's bout at the Pioneer Event Center in Lancaster, California.

Spencer (2-0) will fight Tom Howard (8-7) in a super welterweight bout being televised on Fox Sports 1. The program begins at 8:30 p.m.

This will be the second time in two bouts Spencer's fight will be aired live on the Fox Sports cable network.

Howard is Spencer's most

seasoned opponent yet. Howard is 26 and has 50 rounds of professional boxing experience.

In his eight wins, he's earned knockouts in four of them. He's been knocked out in four of the seven fights he's lost.

After starting his career by winning eight of his first nine matches, Howard started righting stronger opponents and is currently on a six-bout losing streak, including losing his last four bouts by knock out. His last fight was in 2016.

Spencer flew out to California for his bout earlier this week.



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Joey Spencer (right) works on knocking out his first foe in his professional boxing debut earlier this year. Spencer's third fight is Sunday and will be televised on Fox Sports 1 at 8:30 p.m.

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Sports Times

Fenton football headed to Vehicle City Classic

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In a way, Logan Welch experienced a family connection on Tuesday during the press conference discussing the teams that will be playing in the second-annual Genesee Vehicle City Gridiron Classic at Flint's historic Atwood Stadium on Aug. 23.

"My grandpa played here," said the Fenton quarterback. "I heard about it from my grandma and my mom because he passed away. I heard how big that Thanksgiving game was and how it would bring 10s of thousands of people. It's crazy knowing I'm going to be playing on the same field that my grandpa played on."

Welch and the rest of the Fenton varsity football team will be at Atwood Stadium playing Brandon in what will be a tripleheader on Aug. 23.

Flint and Beecher will play the first game at 1 p.m., followed by Hamady and Byron at 4 p.m. Fenton and Brandon compete during a 7 p.m. kickoff.

The Fenton Tigers are making a habit out of playing in special venues for the first game of the season. Two years ago, the squad played at Grand



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Fenton varsity football players (from left) Logan Welch, Logan Prater, Spencer Rivera and Lance Mercord talk to senior communications manager of the Flint and Genesee Chamber of Commerce Bob Campbell prior to the press conference at Flint's Atwood Stadium on Tuesday.

Valley State University. Last year the team defeated Brandon 46-21 at Michigan Stadium for that opener. The two teams will do battle once again at Atwood Stadium.

"High School football is special," Fenton varsity football coach Jeff Setzke said. "Colleges do it with that first week-

end. Five or six years ago Wayne State and Grand Valley started some of these and I think it's a neat way to start the season. It's different. It takes you out of your comfort zone but it makes it special for the kids."

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4. Argentina
5. France
6. Portugal

Note: The defending champions, **Germany**, probably don't have one of the top 10 players on the world on their roster, but the squad is super deep and talented. Germany has a great chance to defend its title. **Brazil** made it to the semifinals when they hosted the World Cup. A healthy Neymar is a must. **Spain** is always a contender, but were a complete flop four years ago. They must rebound but should have the talent to do just that. Lionel Messi automatically makes **Argentina** a threat, after the squad came a game short four years ago. **France** stumbled at Euro 2016, and will want to make amends. They have the offensive talent to do just that in Russia. **Portugal** has one of the two greatest players in the world on its team, Cristiano Ronaldo. That right there gives them a shot at winning this thing.



Germany's
Thomas Mueller

The 2018 World Cup

What you need to know about the planet's largest sport tournament

Since 1930, there has been an international soccer event called the World Cup. It was created to find what country is the world champion in soccer and is played every four years.

Teams from six different regions in the world compete in qualifying matches for about three years prior to the World Cup for the right to be one of the 32 teams to compete. The host country (Russia is this year's host) automatically qualifies.

Squads are placed in one of eight pools (four-team leagues) with each team playing each squad in the pool. The top two teams in each pool qualify for the round of 16, and from there single-elimination play continues until a champ is crowned on July 15 in front of what will be the world's most watched sporting event in 2018.



Meet Russia's 2018 World Cup Mascot Zabivaka. He's a wolf whose name translates into the words "The Goalscorer."

Top 6 players to watch at the World Cup

- T1. Cristiano Ronaldo - Portugal
- T1. Lionel Messi - Argentina
3. Mohamed Salah - Egypt
4. Neymar - Brazil
5. Elden Hazard - Belgium
6. Antoine Griezmann - France

Note: Fox Sports has a commercial it is using to promote the World Cup highlighting who is better — **Ronaldo or Messi**. The commercial's premise is right. They are clearly the two best players of their era, but trying to figure out who is No. 1 between them is virtually impossible. Argentina's Messi, who is still only 30 years old, led Barcelona to the LaLiga (Spain's top professional league) championship, scoring a league-high 34 goals in the process. He also scored six goals in eight games in Champions League action. The Champions League is basically a group of the best professional clubs in Europe who then compete against



Cristiano Ronaldo
(left) and Lionel Messi

each other for the title of Europe's best professional team. Meanwhile, Ronaldo, 33, missed time this season with Real Madrid due to injuries and scored only 26 goals in LaLiga play. However, he also helped lead his team to the Champions League title for a third straight season, scoring 15 goals in 13 Champions League games. Neither superstar has ever led his team to a World Cup title. After the top two, you could probably finish this list with about 15 players and all would look like they belong. **Mohamed Salah** had an outstanding year at Liverpool this year, so we placed him third. He has little else surrounding him, though.

RANDOM QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. How should the United States fare?

For those who weren't paying attention, when the United States lost 2-1 to Trinidad and Tobago the United States was eliminated from World Cup play. The squad's failure to qualify represents what has to be the darkest day in the history of the U.S. Men's soccer team. This will mark the first time since 1986 the United States won't compete at the World Cup.

2. Who else failed to qualify?

The United States isn't the only team that failed to qualify that one would suspect would automatically earn a spot. Italy is clearly the biggest shock. This is only the second time Italy failed to qualify. The Netherlands are another shocking no-show squad. A semifinalist four years ago, the Dutch won't be in Russia unless they have spectator tickets.

3. Give us a good darkhorse pick.

Belgium is a very good

selection. The team has established stars and can score goals. They should be a fun team to watch, win or lose.

4. What is the group of death? Which pool is it?

Because teams are randomly selected into pools, it seems every World Cup has a four-team group that is considerably tougher than any other. This year, none overly sticks out over any other. Many seem to be calling Group D with Argentina, Croatia, Nigeria and Iceland. Some have called Group B with Portugal, Spain, Morocco and Iran this year's top candidate.

5. Key dates

The event starts when Russia faces Saudi Arabia on June 14. The game is scheduled for 11 a.m. Most of the contests will be played during the morning or early afternoon. The elimination rounds (or knockout stage as they call it in soccer) begins June 30. The third-place game is July 14 and the title game is July 15.



For the first time since 1986, the United States failed to qualify for this year's World Cup.



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JARED RYAN
Baseball

FENTON



JILLIAN WIDNER
Softball

LINDEN



MINNA RAMIREZ
Girls Lacrosse

FENTON



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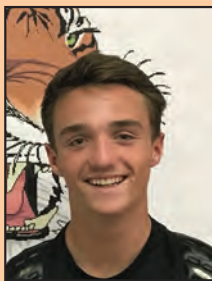
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