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Adults often forget the ‘rules of the road’ learned in driver’s ed

By Sally Rummel
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Every time you get behind the wheel, you’re likely breaking many of the traffic laws you learned when you took driver’s training.

How many years ago was that, by the way? While you certainly know the basics of safe driving and likely practice them every day, you may not know some of the specifics of traffic laws.

For example, did you know that it’s illegal to turn left at an intersection and then complete the turn in the right hand lane? It’s also illegal to use the shared left turn lane to merge with traffic, although it happens all the time. These are some of the basic driving facts you assume everyone knows because you’re all adults who have passed the test, even if it was years ago. In those intervening years, many people have also added a number of bad driving habits, said Marie James, co-owner of AllSafe Driver’s Ed, LLC in Grand Blanc.

Could you pass a driver’s test today if you had to take one? Lorraine Miles, co-owner/senior instructor at AllSafe Driver’s Ed, LLC, believes most adults would pass the road test, but with many errors.

See DRIVER’S TEST on 9A

How to Renew your Driver’s License

Your Michigan driver’s license expires on your birthday every four years. If you’re under age 21, it will expire on your 21st birthday.

The Michigan Secretary of State will mail you a renewal notice approximately 45 days before it expires and will give you the options of renewing online, by mail or in person, depending on your individual situation. You are required to renew your driver’s license in person at a Secretary of State’s office every eight years. If you have an enhanced driver’s license, you can’t renew online. An enhanced driver’s license is a special license that allows Michigan motorists to cross back into the U.S. when traveling by sea or land from Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and the Caribbean without a passport or other identification documents.

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Come Heller high water...

The last one is finally out of the house.

That’s what I’ve been telling people in a jokey sort of way, with the emphasis on the word finally, as if I simply couldn’t wait for this moment to arrive.

But I don’t mean a word of it. When we dropped Henry, our youngest, off at college the other day for the start of his freshman year it was like (not to be dramatic or anything) cutting off your right hand and leaving it with a (not to be dramatic or anything) cutting off your right hand and leaving it with a

joy, and stresses. Each time when they leave it’s like watching the tide roll out slowly, knowing it’ll roll in a little less slowly next time and probably not stick around as long as before. Kids ebb, that’s the sad truth. Sorry, I’m still in the maid-in stage. I get that way.

Marcia tears up. I brood. I’ve always feared endings.

Sam left, what, six years ago for his undergrad? Now he’s in law school. I still miss his goofiness around the house on a daily basis. Annie is a senior at the same school Henry’s attending, and she comes home a lot, but I still ache for her smart, sassy ways when she’s not around. (She’s got a Ph.D. in putting up with me. She gets her master’s level eye-roll from her mother, of course.) As I mentioned, Henry is our youngest, so our empty nest years are suddenly here, and it feels surreal. We’ve had the noise and busyness of kids for 24 years now. I think both of us have forgotten what life was like before them. I suspect we’re both wondering how this thing is going to go when it’s just her and just me.

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THE BEST QUOTE of the day: “Calling an illegal alien an undocumented worker is just like calling a heroin dealer an unlicensed pharmacist.”

THE ECONOMIC MODEL that cannot sustain itself is the Democratic socialist belief that everything should be free. First of all, they want to use other people’s money to pay for everything. Secondly, our country simply can’t afford it and third, anything worth having is worth working and saving for.

I WOULD LIKE to see an article on restaurants in the Fenton area. My friends and I go out to lunch often and like to give our support to Fenton at a variety of restaurants. Thank you.

WHEN A BIG-name country star dies, he barely gets a mention, but when the queen of soul dies, we get live team coverage and weekend-long events. Truly, we are nation of racist, bigot hypocrites.

A BIG THANK you to the Fenton homeowners who are preserving their historic homes. Too bad the local government doesn’t do the same.

IT APPEARS THERE needs to be a DDA 101 course for Fenton residents. The DDA funds aren’t spent on roads or infrastructure. Comparing the DDA money spent on the butterfly garden (or any other DDA project) and poor roads is absurd.
# WEEKEND TIMES

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  - $359,000

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- **2359 Grove Park Rd**
  - 4 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, 3,000 Fin Sq Ft
  - $300,000

### GRAND BLANC SCHOOLS

- **2117 Perlin Ct**
  - 4 Bedrooms, 2.2 baths, 3,157 Fin. Sq. Ft.
  - $285,000

### MUNDY TWP

- **6501 Cook Rd**
  - 4 Bedrooms, 3 Baths, 1,574 Fin Sq Ft
  - $280,000

### NEW LISTING

- **2233 Wiggins Rd**
  - 3 Bedrooms, 3.1 Baths, 2,400 Fin Sq Ft
  - $359,000

### PENDING PROPERTIES

- **8437 Peninsular**
  - Lobdell Lake
  - 3,953,000

- **5165 Pine Lake Forest**
  - Fenton
  - 250,000

- **8212 Tanzanite Ct**
  - Grand Blanc
  - 300,000

### SOLD PROPERTIES

- **12436 Margaret Dr**
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HOT LINE CONTINUED

I HAVE A security clearance and I do work for the government. If I am terminated or fired, I lose my security clearance. If I am caught having an extra-marital affair, I lose my security clearance. If I have a gambling problem, I lose my security clearance. So what’s wrong when the president takes somebody’s security clearance away that was fired for being a liar?

I REALLY LIKE the way they try to make it sound like men are the only ones that do the sexual harassing. Women do it, too, but no one complains about it.

ANYONE WATCH DATELINE Sunday? Skid row in Los Angeles, California. Homeless people. We can’t take care of our own; stop immigration and protect our borders.

WHEN MICHIGAN K-12 school districts have to return to school prior to Labor Day, they are putting a huge strain on the mom and pop tourism businesses in the entire state. This is why the law was put into place in 2005. Why does this state law have a way around it via waiver anyway?

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LOOKING BACK at this week in HISTORY

Compiled by Vera Hogan

AUG. 26
1886: Jennifer Levin, 18, is found dead in New York City’s Central Park less than two hours after she was seen leaving a bar on the city’s Upper East Side with 19-year-old Robert Chambers. The tall, handsome Chambers was soon arrested and charged with murder. The tabloid media dubbed Chambers, who had attended Manhattan private schools, the “Preppy Killer.” The case shocked the city and raised questions about underage drinking, drug use and casual sex among New York’s privileged youth.

AUG. 21

AUG. 28
1963: If the legendary gospel vocalist Mahalia Jackson had been somewhere other than the National Mall in Washington, D.C., on this day in 1963, her place in history would still have been assured purely on the basis of her musical legacy. But Mahalia Jackson was on center stage at the historic March on Washington, where she performed as the lead-in to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his “I Have a Dream” speech.

AUG. 29
1967: In one of pop music’s most famous and beautiful turns of phrase, songwriter Don McLean called the date on which the world lost Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. “The Big Bopper” Richardson “the Day the Music Died.” But while three rising young pop stars may have died on Feb. 3, 1959, their music certainly didn’t die with them. On Aug. 29, 1987, after the most famous plane crash in music history, Ritchie Valens, the youngest of that crash’s three famous victims at the age of 17, made a return to the top of the pop charts with his signature tune, “La Bamba.” It became a No. 1 hit for the band Los Lobos, from Valens’ own hometown of Los Angeles.

AUG. 30
2006: The California State Senate passes Assembly Bill (AB) 32, otherwise known as the Global Warming Solutions Act. The law made California the first state in America to place caps on carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases, including those found in automobile emissions.

AUG. 31
1986: Prostitute Mary Ann Nichols, the first known victim of London serial killer “Jack the Ripper,” is found murdered and mutilated in the city’s Whitechapel district. London saw four more victims of the murderer during the next few months, but no suspect was ever found. In 1888, there were estimated to be more than 1,000 prostitutes in Whitechapel.

SEPT. 1
1850: PT. Barnum brought the greatest opera performer in the world from Europe to the United States in the mid-19th century for a triumphant national tour that set astonishing box-office records and fanned the flames of a widespread opera craze in 1850s America. That star was Jenny Lind, “The Swedish Nightingale” a singer of uncommon talent and great renown whose arrival in New York City was greeted with a mania not unlike that which would greet another foreign musical invasion more than a century later.
CAR CATCHES FIRE
TWICE IN ONE EVENING
North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) responded to a vehicle fire in the 16000 block of Lancaster Way in the Holly Hills manufactured home park in Holly Township at 8:54 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 23. At 10:27 p.m., NOCFA returned to the same location on a report of the same vehicle that caught on fire again.

FENTON MAN'S VEHICLE STOLEN
On Aug. 12, a Fenton resident reported to Fenton police that someone stole his 2002 Ford Explorer from his home in Chippewa Hills. The man said the keys were stored in the console and that the car had little gas. On Aug. 15, Fenton police learned that the abandoned vehicle was recovered in Cohoctah by the Livingston County Sheriff's Office. It appeared to be in good shape and the keys were located inside the truck. The owner and a Fenton detective arrived to retrieve the Explorer when the owner noticed that whoever stole the vehicle put gas in it.

FRAUD COMPLAINT ON MINNETONKA DRIVE
On Tuesday Aug. 14, Genesee County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the 2000 block of Minnetonka Drive in Fenton Township for a fraud complaint. The incident is currently under investigation.

FRAUD REPORTED IN FENTON TOWNSHIP
On Wednesday Aug. 15, Genesee County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the 1000 block of Butcher Road in Fenton Township to investigate a fraud complaint.

VANDALISM ON GOLF VIEW DRIVE
Genesee County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the 2000 block of Golf View Drive in Fenton Township on Aug. 15, for a vandalism complaint. The incident is currently under investigation.

DISORDERLY MAN ARRESTED
Genesee County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the 14000 block of North Road in Fenton Township to investigate a report of the same vehicle that caught on fire again.

SUSPICIOUS SOLICITOR
A Groveland Township resident is warning others about a suspicious solicitor. The resident reported that one recent morning, between 8 and 11 a.m., a solicitor approached their home's door and left a flyer. The flyer instructed the resident to call the number listed, which they learned is disconnected. The resident has a "no solicitor" sign posted at their entrance and the house is not close to the road. A home security camera took photos of the solicitor's vehicle, which appears to be a blue Honda. The resident learned that this unknown solicitor has been stopping at other homes in the area.

DON'T FALL FOR LOTTERY SCAM IN THE MAIL
A Byron resident is warning others about a scam, which makes recipients of a mailing believe they have won a Mega Millions Spanish lottery. The letter stated there was a mix-up of numbers and that they had the lucky lottery winning numbers. The letter said the resident could claim the winning $4.5 million, which was deposited in a bank. The letter said the resident would have to travel to Madrid, Spain to sign the documents or pay for home delivery or wire transfer charges. Anyone receiving one of these mailings is advised to throw it in the trash.

GRAND BLANC MAN ARRESTED IN FENTON FOR HIT AND RUN
A 41-year-old Grand Blanc man was arrested following a hit-and-run crash in Fenton at 5 p.m., Monday, Aug. 13. Lt. Jeff Cross said police responded to the area of Silver Lake Road and Ponchartrain Drive. A victim told police that they had been rear-ended on Silver Lake Road, near the U.S. 23 ramps. The suspect vehicle kept driving and the victim followed while calling police. Police located the suspect vehicle and its driver, the 41-year-old Grand Blanc man, on Ponchartrain Drive. The man admitted to rear-ending the other vehicle and driving without a valid license. Police detected the odor of intoxicants and a Breathalyzer was administered. The man was taken into custody for operating a vehicle while intoxicated (OWI). A young passenger in the victim's car complained of some pain, however, medical treatment was declined. Fenton police are seeking warrants for failing to stop and identify at a crash, OWI-fourth arrest and driving with a suspended license.

LARCENY REPORT ON PONEMAH DRIVE
On Sunday, Aug. 19, Genesee County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to 3000 block of Ponemah Drive in Fenton Township for a larceny complaint. The incident is currently under investigation.

FENTON FOR HIT AND RUN
A 41-year-old Grand Blanc man was arrested on Saturday, Aug. 25, for a disorderly individual. A white male was arrested and lodged at the Genesee County Jail and is waiting to be arraigned.
An ‘eruption’ of flowers and fog

Next door neighbor to 106 W. Shiawassee adds ‘floral volcano’ to Fenton city lot

By Sally Rummel

A spectacular sight is erupting at 106 W. Shiawassee Ave. in Fenton, but you have to stop by in the evening to view it.

The empty city lot next to the home of Stewart Melrose, across from The Laundry, is filled with lavishly blooming flowers and tropical plants, but tucked away in the back of the property is something even more unique — a floral “volcano.”

“A huge pile of dirt from a city sidewalk project was dumped back there, so I knocked the top off, dug a crater and planted flowers down the side for ‘lava,’” Melrose said.

Topping off this one-of-a-kind display is the use of a fog machine to mimic an erupting geyser. He keeps the “volcano” erupting on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings, from about 5 to 11 p.m. “About 20,000 people have already come by to see it,” Melrose said. “It’s especially busy on Thursdays after the concert in the park.”

This project has been a labor of love for Melrose, a historical preservationist who, is also known locally for designing and maintaining his home’s show-stopping gardens, as well as others in the neighborhood. “It’s our 50th year in our neighborhood,” Melrose added.

“The city owns the property, but I’ve taken care of it myself ever since the (historic) building was torn down,” Melrose said. “We need to have a fundraiser for it. I want it to be a place where people can just meet up. I don’t want people to have any negative feelings about taxpayer expense (to maintain the property).”

This parcel of property has not been without controversy. In 2016, the city of Fenton voted to demolish the historic building at 106 W. Shiawassee, reputed to be one of the oldest houses in Fenton.

The Fenton Downtown Development Authority purchased the property in 2008 for future redevelopment. Its last tenant was Rex Todd Rogers, who renovated the property into a full service design studio.

For Melrose, keeping the property looking beautiful for residents to enjoy is part of his life’s work.

“I’ve taken two months off my regular job to take care of this,” said Melrose, whose latest historic preservation has included restoring a board room table for William Clay Ford, Jr. and office renovations for Dow Chemical CEO Andrew Liveris.

“You don’t even want to hear about how much money I’ve spent on this, but it has been so worth it. I can’t even begin to tell you the joy it brings me and my dad (Howard Melrose, who lives next door). We love this town. It makes it a better place for everyone.”

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHEN IS THE city of Fenton going to do something about our deer population? They are everywhere.

IF YOU CAN fool half of the people all the time, all the people half of the time but not all of the people all the time, the name starts with T.

THE CITY OF Fenton taxpayers are getting ripped off on that butterfly park if it’s $50,000.

I WOULD LIKE to respond to the Hot-liner and let them know the difference between the way liberals are treating Trump and the way conservatives treated Obama. Obama tried to destroy this country; Trump is trying to save it.

MANAGER

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unanimously voted to name him the new manager

According to theoaklandpress.com, his final interview was conducted during a special meeting Thursday, which took place after a community meet-and-greet earlier in the afternoon.

The search was led by GovHR, a consulting firm in Illinois, which marketed for the position and found the most qualified candidates. According to theoaklandpress.com, Redford Township Supervisor Tracey Kobylarz, the other finalist for the position, was involved in a serious accident last week and couldn’t attend the meeting Thursday.

In The Oakland Press, Zelenak said he’s excited to started working in the city that has many great things going for it, and that he planned to create a multi-year capital improvement program for the city.

He’s expected to start the new position in the next few weeks.

Daniel Pelchat, mayor of South Lyon, said, “Paul hit on a lot of key things we felt we needed to be addressed immediately within the city, or as soon as possible.”

Pelchat said Zelenak’s experience speaks for itself, and that he is a good fit for the South Lyon community.

“It was a very long process. We felt like we did a very thorough job using GovHR in locating some great candidates. At the end of the process, Paul Zelenak is our guy. We’re very excited and confident in our choice,” he said.

He’s hoping Zelenak will be able to start “sooner rather than later.”

Zelenak declined to comment at press time.

Did you happen to notice that the news story about the compound in New Mexico owned by a Muslim extremist, where he was training children to kill and was actually planning a school massacre? This story was not reported for two days on our major networks, and even then less than two minutes was reported on ABC, NBC, CBS or CNN.

I’m almost 90 and I’ve experienced very bad times, but it all went uphill when I accepted the Savior and became the adopted child of the richest king, I’m like a queen in a palace now and can look forward to seeing golden streets and gems and most of all, the Heavenly Father. Amen.

Enough of the king’s misogynist columns and pro DDA ‘get over it’ Hot Lines.

The person that said AT&T U Verse is not cable, you are wrong.
Workers put on some of the finishing touches in one of the end zones earlier this summer while Linden High School’s new turf field was still being completed. The field has already been used for a couple of sporting events, and will host its first varsity football game Thursday against Flushing. Photo: Times file photo

**Turf Field**

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of the improvements is roughly $1.4 million.

“The improvements to Claude Cranston field not only benefit the athletic programs at Linden Community Schools, but also provide athletic and recreational opportunities for our community members,” said Superintendent Russ Ciesielski at the ribbon-cutting ceremony. “Without your support in and out of the classroom the opportunities like that we have today would not be possible for our students, so thank you very much.”

The field now boasts a new track surface, new pole vault pit, expanded concession area in the front, a new scoreboard, new fences, new football, soccer and lacrosse goal posts, and new game clocks on each end of the field. With the artificial turf, an additional shock pad was installed to improve safety for players. The field will be used for football, soccer, lacrosse, marching band and more.

Improvements were paid for by the 10-year sinking fund millage, which the community supported and passed in 2016.

Linden Board of Education President Scott Maker spoke about meeting Claude Cranston, who the field is named after, in 2005. Cranston went to Linden and was an athlete. After graduating from college, he returned to Linden as a teacher, coach, administrator, and a leader.

Maker said he was impressed with the man. “This project was a significant commitment in district funds and viewed as a decision that will set Linden schools up for success for the long term. There were a lot of meetings and lengthy discussions with the board and administrators,” Maker said. “The result was a shared vision supported by our community in the 2016 sinking fund millage. The new Cranston field is certain to see more successful seasons of athletic competition and musical achievements.”

He praised the success the old field saw with sports teams and marching band, and said the school can now host more athletic competitions with the new field and equipment.

“The new Claude Cranston field will serve as one of the many points of pride for our community,” Scott Maker

**Linden Board of Education president**

continued.

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**Driver’s Test**

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“You’d get marked off for not using your turn signal and entering a left turn lane too early,” she said.

Parallel parking, that dreaded part of the road skills test, is also an issue for many people. In a road skills test, many drivers lose valuable points for crossing boundary lines or repositioning their vehicle while trying to parallel park.

“You’re scored on your final position and each error is one point,” James said. “A passing score on the basic control skills is six points or less.”

A written knowledge test is required for all those applying for a Michigan level I license in the graduated licensing program for teens, or for a temporary instruction permit for those over age 18. The written test includes 50 questions from the 2018 Michigan Driver’s Manual and you have to answer 40 correctly in order to pass.

Miles said that a surprising number of adults likely wouldn’t pass the written practice test given at AllSafe Driver’s Ed, which consists of 80 questions and is more difficult than the actual test given at the Secretary of State’s office.

Adults 18 and up aren’t required to take a driver’s training course. They can be issued a temporary instruction permit from the Secretary of State’s office that will allow them to practice driving with a licensed adult for at least 30 days before their eligibility to take the driving skills test with a third-party testing organization.

“Every year, we have about 10 adults who come in mostly for on-the-road instruction,” James said.

With all the rules of the road, James still believes it comes down to a lack of courtesy on the part of many drivers. “You think you’re more special than anyone else on the road.”

That kind of attitude can result in impatience, recklessness, speed and other poor driving decisions.

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**Victoria from Australia, 17 yrs.**

Enjoys spending time with her family and younger siblings. Victoria plays volleyball and is excited to learn new sports while in America.

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**Giorgio from Italy, 16 yrs.**

Loves to play baseball and spend time with his dogs. Giorgio also plays the guitar, and his dream is to join a drama club in his American high school.

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According to the law, vaping is similar to smoking cigarettes or chewing tobacco. Those under age will receive a minor in possession (MIP) citation if they own or use an e-cigarette or vaping device.

“JUUL seems to be pretty popular among the kids,” Kramer said, adding that the Marlboro Elite and the Marlboro Mark Ten are also common products used by kids who vape. “Kids don’t use the obvious ones. They like the smaller ones. There’s no odor. They can carry them just about anywhere.”

Linden Community Schools has seen these JUUL products. “Unfortunately, we have seen them at Linden High School. We began to see them more frequently during the 2017-2018 school year,” said Superintendent Russ Ciesielski. “Any Linden student that is in possession with one of these devices is subject to progressive discipline, as outlined in the parent/student handbook.”

All local schools have policies prohibiting students from using or possessing tobacco products, which includes e-cigarettes, on school grounds. The penalty could include suspension.

E-cigarette use among high school students increased 900 percent from 2011 to 2015, according to a report by the U.S. Surgeon General’s office. However, e-cigarette use among middle school students dropped from three million in 2015 to just under 2.2 million in 2016. In 2017, 11.7 percent of high school students and 3.3 percent of middle school students reported using e-cigarettes, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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Steve Kramer
Michigan State Police trooper

Michigan State Tpr. Steve Kramer gives a presentation on vaping to Lake Fenton Middle School students last February.

Laura Lemke, assistant principal of Fenton High School, said, “The JUUL brand is not what we are seeing the most of here at Fenton High School. We see, and con-fiscate, more of the Suorin Air brand vaping devices. They are more the size of a credit card and can be easily hidden in a wallet/purse.”

However, they have seen a few resembling USB flash drives.

**EFFECTS OF VAPING**

“A lot of kids think it’s harmless. No, it’s still got nicotine. It’s not a safe alternative,” Kramer said.

Some kids also vape marijuana and alcohol. Inhaling pollutants can be detrimental to the lungs. A team of researchers from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles found that students who vaped were twice as likely to have chronic bronchitis compared to kids who never vaped.

According to a Michigan Surgeon General report, using e-cigarettes encourages many teens to try smoking, and that teens who are regular smokers in high school are more likely to develop a lifelong addiction to nicotine. While cigarettes contain higher amounts of nicotine and are more detrimental to someone’s health, most e-cigarettes contain nicotine as well and can still cause serious health problems.

According to JUUL.com, you must be at least 21 years old to purchase products on JUUL.com. It is illegal to see or resell their products to minors.

**E-CIGS**

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JUUL, a company that makes vaping devices, sells a product that strongly resembles a USB device, which stores electronic data. This allows students to carry an e-cigarette without being detected.

Lake Fenton High School Principal Chris Belcher said, “We have confiscated these at the high school. Unfortunately, vaping has really become a very serious problem for all high schools. Students simply don’t know what they are putting in their bodies.”

The first offense for using or possessing any e-cigarette is a three-day out-of-school suspension.

Last February, Michigan State Police Tpr. Steve Kramer spoke at Lake Fenton Middle School about the dangers of vaping.

It is illegal for someone under the age of 18 to vape or be in possession of an e-cigarette.

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Someone commits suicide every 12 minutes

Grieving brother and county commissioner taking action

By Vera Hogan

Genesee County Board of Commissioners recently presented a proclamation to the family of Bill Wilson to honor his memory by declaring Sept. 10, 2018 as Genesee County Mental Health & Suicide Prevention Day.

Wilson, who was 33, took his own life on June 26 of this year. His father, Alan Wilson of Fenton Township, said he never saw this coming. The Wilson family decided to honor Bill by raising money for the Michigan Association for Suicide Prevention. To date they have raised over $26,000.

According to the proclamation, suicides have been on the rise in recent years, increasing nearly 40 percent since 1999. In 2016, more than 1,300 people committed suicide in Michigan.

Nationally, someone commits suicide every 12 minutes. Commissioner Drew Shapiro, the sponsor of this resolution, said, “I am proud to be in a position to help bring awareness to the mental health crisis in our nation. Theron Wilson and the Wilson family deserve a tremendous amount of credit for their work on this critical issue.”

Upon accepting the proclamation, Wilson’s brother, Theron said, “Today I am honored to receive the proclamation, resolution, and laudatory on behalf of my brother, Bill Wilson.

Theron, who is two years younger than his brother, said he was “100 percent shocked” over his brother’s suicide. “I did not see this coming.”

Theron said he believes counseling would be very useful for people going through this. “I think you have to find the person you can relate to, someone you feel comfortable talking to,” he said. “The number one medicine is talking, be open. Communication is huge.

“What I want is for the funds to be spent on people that don’t have insurance or good enough insurance to cover therapies,” Theron said. “One reason people don’t seek help is because they can’t afford it.”

The website to donate is www.my-masp.org.

Tyrone Township mourns loss of community servant

Camilo ‘Cam’ Gonzalez wore many hats in area

By Vera Hogan

Tyrone Township residents are mourning the loss of Camilo Gonzalez, known as “Cam” to his friends. Gonzalez died from a brief illness Saturday, Aug. 18 at the age of 82.

On Tuesday, Aug. 21, Gonzalez was honored by the Tyrone Township Board of Trustees. Officials and audience members shared a moment of silence to honor Gonzalez and his dedication to his community.

Tyrone Township Supervisor Mike Cunningham said, “Cam was passionate about his community and loved being part of Tyrone Township government. He was a great person, friend, and family man he will be deeply missed.”

Gonzalez served previously on the Zoning Board of Appeals and as an elected official on the Board of Trustees. He was a current member of the Planning Commission and Board of Review.

Gonzalez was a resident of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He leaves behind his wife, Betty, adult children and grandchildren.

Gonzalez’s funeral Mass was held Wednesday, Aug. 22 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. He now rests in St. John’s Cemetery, Fenton.

This article was originally posted on Wednesday, Aug. 22 and can be read in its entirety at tctimes.com.
HOT LINE CONTINUED

I JUST GOT back from seeing a great movie. It would be a good movie for anyone 12 and older. ‘BlacKkKlansman’ is a true story. I pray we are not letting history repeat itself.

I’M GOING TO London, England, on vacation soon. I wondered if somebody could share their top picks for attractions. Thank you.

ON THE MTV awards show last night, Kevin Hart told the audience that it was OK to kneel in reference to the NFL football players. He did this just as he went on an anti-Trump, anti-white, anti-law enforcement and racist and anti-American rant. Very sad that the networks would allow this to occur.

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The killer of industries — millennials

By Hannah Ball

One of the best things about being a millennial is learning which industry we’re currently hurting and/or killing. You’d think we were a bunch of bloodthirsty young ‘uns looking for our next prey if you see all the headlines.

Millennials are given credit for killing dozens of industries, from work-life to laundry supplies. The latest, and funniest, is that we’re hurting Hooters.

We’re supposedly destroying chain restaurants in favor of locally sourced, farm-to-table restaurants. We’re killing the napkin industry (team paper towel) and the fabric softener industry.

I feel like I owe an apology to the housing industry, because apparently we’re destroying it.

Facts to chew on: the median price of a house has increased by 67 percent since 1990; median incomes have only increased by 11 percent (Forbes); the average student loan debt is $37,172. Yet, some “experts” will tell you it’s because we buy too much avocado toast.

The hotel industry is taking a hit because we love Airbnb and Airbnb loves us. We’re killing the wine cork industry because we like cheap boxed wine (who doesn’t?), and we’re killing breakfast cereal. Is it healthy to eat sugar for breakfast? No. Do I do it anyway, defying the odds? Yes.

Beer sales fell 1 percent from 2016 to 2017, so people quickly credited millennials. However, that statistic is for the major beer brands like PBR (Pabst Blue Ribbon), not smaller, independent craft beer companies. This proves that millennials have the superior taste in drinks.

My favorite is that we’re killing the practice of shaking hands. In place of handshakes, I propose fistbumps or touching forefingers. Kind of like E.T., or that one Michelangelo painting.

Cable TV is dying, but I think we were just first on the bandwagon. Netflix and other streaming services are so much cheaper and you have more control over what you pay for. It’s not hard to set up, I promise.

By looking at headlines, we also killed traditional baby names, the Big Mac, traditional baby names, the Big Mac, designer handbags, department stores, bars of soap, yogurt, and the 9-to-5 workday. Truly, I have no idea how we accomplished becoming the most popular scapegoat for the changing times.

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GROUP HOME
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According to the LARA summary, the case started in January of this year when deputies assigned to the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office Narcotics Enforcement Team received complaints of the sale of cocaine by Russell Cockerham from the 1288 Essay Ln. adult foster care home.

“OCSEO deputies made controlled purchases of cocaine from Russell Cockerham from inside the facility,” according to the LARA summary.

On Aug. 2, OCSEO deputies executed a search warrant of the facility in the early morning hours, entered the facility through an unlocked front door, and located and secured the five adult foster care residents.

They also located and secured Russell Cockerham and Angela Cockerham in the second-floor unlocked bedroom. A loaded unsecured firearm was recovered from the nightstand closest to Russell Cockerham, a previously convicted felon.

During this search warrant, according to the LARA summary, facility residents approached OCSEO deputies on the scene and informed them that Russell Cockerham frequently smokes marijuana in the facility and residents reported having trouble sleeping because of all the drug sales that occur at the facility throughout the night.

“During the search of the facility, OCSEO deputies found and seized cocaine, scales, packaging materials consistent with drug trafficking, approximately five pounds of marijuana packaged for sale and multiple firearms accessible to any occupants of the facility,” according to the summary.

Russell Cockerham was arrested on Aug. 2, during a raid at the facility, and charged with multiple felony drug delivery and weapons charges. Angela Cockerham was charged with felony possession of cocaine, on Aug. 8 turned herself in, and was released on bond. Court dates are pending for both.

According to the LARA press release, “In total, LARA’s Notice of Intent to Summarily Suspend and Revoke is alleging four violations of the Adult Foster Care Facility Licensing Act. The severity of the allegations resulted in the joint summary suspension and the notice of intent to revoke the license.

“Specifically, as outlined in the order:
• The licensee, Angela Cockerham, was charged with felony possession of cocaine by the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office (OSCO).
• The licensee’s husband, Russell Cockerham, was arrested and charged with multiple felony drug delivery and weapons charges by the OSCO. These alleged crimes happened at the adult foster care home. Mr. Cockerham appeared to be living at the home but was not listed as an adult household member.
• The licensee failed to inform LARA that her adult children were residing at the licensed facility, as required by statute.
• The licensee failed to provide a physically safe environment for adults in care.

“Based on these allegations, LARA took emergency action to protect the health, welfare, and safety of vulnerable adults.”

The summary suspension became effective at 6 p.m. on Aug. 17 and prohibits Carter Country Homes, Inc. from operating an adult foster care small group home at the Essay Lane address or any other address or location.

Prior to the drug-related arrests, a March 16 inspection by LARA found violations in the home, but recommended a plan of action to remedy them.

A loaded unsecured firearm was recovered from the nightstand closest to Russell Cockerham, a previously convicted felon.
Area coaches pleased with efforts at Linden tri-meet

By David Troppens

Linden — Allison von Daggenhausen just graduated from Lake Fenton High School in 2017. But she’s already back at her alma mater, and back with the Lake Fenton varsity volleyball team. This time she’s back as the squad’s new head coach.

She brought her Lake Fenton squad to Linden for a double-dual against Swartz Creek and event hosts Linden on Wednesday. Linden swept both teams, beating Swartz Creek 25-17, 25-15 and Lake Fenton 25-19, 25-15, while the Blue Devils defeated Swartz Creek 25-20, 25-19 at Linden High School.

“I’m loving it,” von Daggenhausen said. “I love being back with this program and can’t wait to make it great. I love coaching these girls.”

Von Daggenhausen played on the Mott Community College volleyball team for a season, and was a member of the team’s squad that advanced to the national tournament.

But now she’s back at the school she loves. She watched her team show some solid progress in the matches on Wednesday.

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Tigers’ Metro win streak halted by Blackhawks, 26-21

By David Troppens

Flint — The Fenton varsity football team faced just about every issue the Tigers could’ve run into on Thursday night in their Vehicle City Gridiron Classic contest against Brandon at Atwood Stadium.

They squandered away an early 14-0 lead. They missed a field goal. They fumbled the ball away with a different attitude,” Fenton senior Lance Mercord said. “We have to come out and play our own game.”

Yet, the Tigers somehow had an opportunity to win it through all the adversity. Fenton varsity football coach Jeff Setzke said.

Linden’s Austin Jawkorski runs downfield during the Eagles’ 35-7 loss to Flushing on Thursday. Photo: David Troppens

Eagles, Bronchos lose Metro season openers

By David Troppens

Season openers haven’t been kind to the Linden varsity football team in recent years.

The Eagles lost four straight season-openers before beating Flushing 27-22 last year. However, the Eagles returned to their old trend on Thursday, losing to the Raiders 35-7.

Linden was tied 7-all, but the Raiders took over from that point. Tyler Morris threw a touchdown pass and ran for two more during Flushing’s 28-0 run. Morris hit Jacob Thorn for an 18-yard pass, making it a 14-7 Raiders’ lead. Later he ran for a TD on a fake handoff, and scored another on a 48-yard TD run. Finally, Cole Dustan scored the Raiders’ final TD during the 28-0 spurt.

“We struggled to find any offense in the second half and gave the ball away too many times against a playoff-worthy opponent,” Linden varsity co-head football coach Nick Douglass said.

Linden’s sole TD came on an eight-yard run by George Welterhouse in the second quarter, tying the game at 7-all at the time. Those four other previous first-game defeats didn’t keep the Eagles from qualifying from the playoffs during any of those seasons. Linden returns to action on Thursday when the Eagles host Clio. It will be the varsity football team’s first game on the new turf.

Swartz Creek 13, Holly 0

The Bronchos played solid enough defense to win, but Holly’s offense didn’t.

The Bronchos were shut out for the first time since losing to Clio 7-0 during a Sept. 26, 2014 contest against Clio.

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Blue Devils open second Borski era with 24-16 victory

By Jordan Climie

Lake Fenton — It’s the beginning of a new era for Lake Fenton football — again.

Head coach Marty Borski returned to the top spot on the sidelines and was in the thick of a thrilling win, as the Blue Devils defeated the Cadillac Vikings, 24-16, in the season opener.

Was there any pressure returning to the head coaching role?

“No,” Borski responded quickly. “Coaching with (former head coach) Eric Doyle the last few years after coming back from Vegas, no, I feel the same pressure. I’m a lot more busy, but this is my home, so I take everything we do here with pride.”

The Blue Devils also saw a new leader under center, as senior Hunter Schramm stepped into the starting quarterback role for the 2018 season. Borski couldn’t be happier with the way Schramm stepped up in his first career start.

“He was awesome tonight,” Borski said of Schramm. “He stayed in the offense, took what was open. I think he picked up three or four clutch first downs with his feet. I couldn’t have asked for a better debut. It was impressive.”

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Two goose eggs for Lake Fenton’s defense

By David Troppens
Lake Fenton — Cameron Suthard loves the defense in front of him during Lake Fenton varsity boys soccer games.

And the team likes the job he’s done so far as well.

Two games into his varsity soccer career, the Lake Fenton keeper has two shutouts in two games played. The second one came in a 2-0 victory at home against Metro League foe Swartz Creek.

The Lake Fenton defense didn’t allow many shots to get through, but the ones that did, Suthard made the saves (five total), improving the squad’s early season record to 2-0-0.

“They just shut them down,” Suthard said about the defense. “They almost had no shots. If our defense keeps playing like this, we’ll go far this year.”

The Blue Devils, who won their first contest by a 3-0 verdict against Birch Run, took the early lead against Swartz Creek.

In fact, the first goal came just 38 seconds into the game. It was set up by a shot by Austin Ames. The shot on target was saved, but the rebound went to Luke Rimarcik who scored on the rebound shot.

Lake Fenton enjoyed a control of the game throughout the first half, but only led 1-0 entering the break.

The insurance goal the Blue Devils were working on for most of the game finally came with 22:45 left in the contest on another rebound shot. This time Riley Besser made the initial shot. The rebound went to Nicholas Abdallah who pounded the shot into an empty net.

Lake Fenton led 2-0.

Lake Fenton enjoyed a 17-6 shot edge, including a 12-5 on target lead. Defenders Dylan Hilger, Benjamin Polelana, Logan Rimarcik, Dalton McKown and Jason Juengel were key players helping earn the Blue Devils their second shut-out.

“Our defense is so solid,” Lake Fenton varsity boys soccer coach Sam Jawhari said. “We’ve had pretty much the same defense for the last three years. They are coming into their own.”

The victory came against a Metro League foe.

Lake Fenton’s Wyatt Marsh tries to get to the ball in the Blue Devils’ 2-0 victory against the Swartz Creek Dragons. Photo: David Troppens

Holly golfers off to a strong start

By David Troppens
Holly’s varsity girls golf team’s members who helped the team take fifth at the Larry Judson Invitational are (from left) Kesley Malone, Ella Lonsbury, Lexie Curtis, Megan McReynolds, Kate Brown and Ashleigh Carroll. Submitted photo

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The Dragons took the lead on a Mike Smith TD pass to Quay Humphries. Luke Johnson kicked the extra point, putting the Dragons up 7-0.

The contest remained 7-0 until the final 2:35 of the game. Max Murphy scored on a 40-yard TD run.

Holly had just 93 yards total offense. Cade Dallwitz ran for 26 yards and threw for 27 yards to lead the offense. Colton Steele led the defense with 12 total tackles while Blake Queerio had 10 stops.

“BOYS SOCCER
Fenton 3, Powers 0: Brady Young scored on a penalty kick and Chase Poulsun and Ashton McKellar scored goals during the regular flow of play, earning the Tigers the win. Poulsun and Alex Flannery had assists while Ben Chapple set up the PK attempt by being taken down in the box. Noah Martin had six saves in net.

Detroit Country Day 4, Fenton 1: Ashton McKellar scored Fenton’s goal off an assist from Desmond Braham. Noah Martin had four saves while Joe Loria had one save.

VOLLEYBALL
Holly at North Branch Tournament: The Bronchos lost to Detroit Country Day in a semfinal match in the silver bracket 25-17, 25-18, ending their tourney run. Holly defeated Rochester and Marysville, split with Lakeland and lost to Lake Orion.

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