**Strong housing market forecast for 2019**

Local Realtors optimistic about tri-county home sales

By Sally Rummel

Multiple offers, low inventory and buyer frustration characterized much of the local real estate market in 2018. So what do 2019 housing sales look like so far?

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**State causes local communities to lose millions**

Michigan has withheld full revenue sharing amount for many years

By Vera Hogan

In the Sunday, Jan. 20 edition of the Times, the article “Revenue vs. Expenses, how our tax dollars are dispensed,” Lynn Markland, city manager for the city of Fenton, explained, “The taxable value and property tax revenues amount for many years.”

**Linden native shares government shutdown woes**

By Hannah Ball

Linden graduate Andy Leyder, 27, who works in Washington, D.C. as a data analyst for the U.S. Department of Transportation, lost his healthcare and is furloughed due to the government shutdown. “I have not been back to work for 31 days (as of Tuesday, Jan. 22) and counting. I am not getting paid while I am furloughed and though Congress and the President approved ‘back pay,’ as contractors we don’t receive any back pay,” he said.

Sunday Jan. 27 is day 36 of the government shutdown. It started Dec. 21, 2018 when Congress and President Donald Trump failed to reach an agreement on funding for a potential border wall. For nearly four years, Leyder has worked in the Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) and on hazmat incident and risk data. He’s a federal contractor.

**Do you miss the farmers market?**

International cuisine, organic and unique groceries await in downtown Flint

By Tim Jagielo

Flint — In many ways, the Flint Farmers Market isn’t a market, but a bustling, lively neighborhood. Friends reconnect while holding grocery bags of produce. Small knots of conversations form in the aisles, and can lead to good-willed congestion on busy days.

Different market stalls and kiosks are like neighborhood pop-up produce and snack stands. A variety of aromas and sounds saturate the air for a vivid shopping experience. The Flint Farmers Market has 35,540 square feet of market space, with approximately 40 to 45 indoor vendors at any given time and 30 to 35 outdoor vendors.

**Stewards of the market?**

By John Tremaine

We’ve been cranking here at Tremaine, even if our local market isn’t. The sales look like so far?

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**Quote from Forrest Gump:**

“And then one day, for no particular reason, everybody became offended by everything.”

**COMMENT OF THE WEEK**

**Andrew Heller, let me enlighten you about your comment that you made in the Jan. 20 newspaper. You were trying to figure out why we weren’t making enough babies to replace ourselves. It’s called abortion. There’s been over 60 million babies killed since the Roe vs. Wade decision in 1973.”**

**I have to laugh at the fools who get a tattoo at a young age. They are usually inappropriate in content and design because your values are perverted by youth. Also, consider the fact that in 10 years it will be blurred. In 30 years it will be indecipherable. What was I thinking?”**

**Why would any American support open borders? Terrorists, drug dealers and illegal immigrants are not preferred residents. Why is this even a discussion? Build the damn wall.”**
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Adopt-A-Pet is fundraising for improved rooms for cats that live on site until adopted. The renovated rooms would include catwalks, like these in the main lobby, to provide needed stimulation for the cats. *Photo: Tim Jagielo*

### Adopt-A-Pet raising funds

- **Sponsor a cat room and choose the name**

  **By Hannah Ball**

  Cats and kittens love to scratch, need room to move and exercise, and enjoy fresh air.

  Adopt-A-Pet in Fenton Township is working on renovation plans to make the, hopefully, brief stay for cats at the shelter more comfortable.

  Director Jody Maddock said the reason for the renovations is that it’s time to upgrade the space.

  “They need mental stimulation and challenges during the short time they are with us until they find their forever home. Adopt-A-Pet never euthanized for space so, sadly, some cats are with us for months until their new family finds them,” she said.

  Staying in a room with four walls gets boring, often causing cats to shut down or act out.

  “The cats and kittens would love to have more cat walks and climbing structures,” she said, adding that they want to buy ones made from white oak wood, which sells on the expensive side, because it hides markings and hair from pets.

  The main cat room needs a new door that’s not made of wood. Currently, they have a room for adults, a room for teenagers and a room for kittens. Maddock said during “kitten season,” there’s an even greater need for space so they’re turning two more offices into three rooms for kittens, or whatever the greatest need is.

  **See ADOPT-A-PET on 11**

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### Social Media

The following is the first in a series about social media policies.

**By Hannah Ball**

Social media is a virtual world that can have real-life consequences. Facebook, Twitter and other online platforms are considered public space, and controversial statements from employees can have negative effects on their employer.

The Times inquired about social media policies at local municipalities, police and fire departments, school districts and a private business.

**See SOCIAL MEDIA on 10**

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Come Heller high water...

• This is how shameful Michigan government has been the past 20 years: According to a new MSU study, Michigan ranked last among states — last! — for total education revenue growth, spending 82 percent less by 2015 than we had in 1995. The reason: tax cuts. The result: Michigan kids are near the bottom, according to national testing data. You get the society you pay for, people.

• Oh, and the kicker: the state’s new letter grade grading system for the public schools kicks in soon. I’ve said this before but, in light of the new spending data, maybe we shouldn’t give letter grades to schools, but to lawmakers.

• It’s cold. It’s snowy. So let’s talk baseball. Baseball super-agent Scott Boras says a “non-competitive cancer” is ruining baseball. I couldn’t agree more. Half the teams now don’t bother to sign free agents, trade for better players or field competitive teams because they’re “rebuilding.” The Detroit Tigers are Exhibit A. Why anyone would bother buying a ticket to see a two-year-old team got me started.

I usually figure bad calls are part of sports. But both NFL Championship games last week turned on awful, awful calls. So isn’t it time that all calls be reviewable? I say yes. Those calls were so egregiously bad, I’m almost tempted to side with the conspiracy theorists that the NFL dictates who wins.

I told a story the other day about how I was a huge Detroit Tigers fan, and I am a huge fan. They could be second consecutive year of “we’re not rebuilding.” The Detroit Tigers are Exhibit A. Why anyone would bother buying a ticket to see a two-year-old team got me started.

The weather is causing rancor and was retweeted at least 14,400 times and viewed at least 2.5 million times. Twitter suspended the account after journalists asked about it. Lesson: Think before you retweet. Social media is tearing us apart, and we should all be aware that there are people and nations out there that want it that way.

I like starting fights. So here are my Top 5 area restaurants in Fenton, DaEdoardo North and Bangkok Peppers in Grand Blanc, and Cranberries in Goodrich. Let the fighting begin.

I usually deliver an annual “State of the Household” address to the family every January. But this year, the lovely yet formidable Marcia has informed me that I’m not allowed to. Not because of a shutdown or anything like that. She just thinks I’m annoying. I plan to submit it in writing, nonetheless.

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Whataburger. I eat it with everything.”

Ranch dressing. I love eating it with fries.”

“Salt and pepper. I use those more than anything else.”

“Ketchup. I like it on all meats.”

“Mayonnaise or butter. I like butter on my sandwiches.”

What’s your favorite condiment?

Compiled by Gracie Warda, intern

street talk
Holly chamber grows by 41 percent

By Tim Jagielo

On Saturday Jan. 19, Holly Chamber of Commerce President George Kullis stood before the awards dinner crowd to admit his chamber did not reach its goal of 100 members by that day.

Kullis’ goal of 100 members was announced at the 2018 dinner when the chamber was just 37 members. He said he would introduce the 100th member at the Jan. 19 event.

“As you can see I’m standing here by myself,” said Kullis at the dinner. “We didn’t hit 100, but an organization or a community without a goal does not prosper.” The organization grew by 41 percent.

The annual awards dinner was held at the Holly Hotel this year, with 75 in attendance. It recognized the various people and businesses of the year.

The chamber now has 90 members, with two businesses, Holly Hills Primitives and Davisburg Bread Company, committing to membership in 2019. “I feel confident that we will hit 100 members in the next couple of months,” he said. “Ask yourself this — if I’d had set our goal at 75 would we have stopped reaching before we hit 90?”

He said he’ll likely announce the next goal at their monthly breakfast.

The following people and organizations were recognized at the dinner.

Person of the Year

The person of the year is Lori Goldsmith, Realtor, who has a passion for volunteering.

Family of the Year

The family of the year is Jim and Ina Golden, who are involved in various community efforts.

Organization of the Year

The organization of the year is the Holly Area Veterans Resource Center, which fills many important needs of veterans in northern Oakland County.

Business of the Year

The business of the year is Mark Carney, State Farm Insurance, due to Carney’s support of many community events.

“D.C. since the federal government is our major employer, the shutdown has affected a lot of small and local business. The Lyft and Uber drivers are also being affected due to people not using them,” he said.

“People in Congress have no idea the toll this shutdown has on people. We have federal workers standing in breadlines at food banks because they can’t feed their families. I have co-workers who are maxing their credit cards out and can’t afford certain meds for their children. This shutdown has caused a financial and emotional stress,” he said.

Leyder has been trying to stay busy by reading books and socializing with other friends who are furloughed.

On Wednesday, Jan. 23, a protest took place at the Hart Senate Building on Capitol Hill, organized by the National Federation of Federal Employees.

“D.C. has been the hardest. Morale is low and people are stressed out and angry. There was another protest a couple weeks ago in front of the AFL-CIO building,” he said. “People are struggling and it’s hurting a lot of us financially and emotionally.”

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A skilled trade career might just be what the doctor ordered

Today’s cost for a Michigan resident to attend Michigan State University is $28,478 annually. This amount includes tuition, books and supplies, room and board and other miscellaneous expenses. This cost increases to $53,424 for out-of-state students.

Based on attending four years to earn a bachelor’s degree, I would be paying the university $113,912. I am glad I graduated in 1983 when it was much more affordable, and with much help from my parents.

In 1983, one credit hour cost $41. In the fall of 2018, that same credit hour cost $482. According to CollegeCalc, the average program in the 2016-2017 school year was approximately $41,770 (out-of-state) per year.

Add four years of undergraduate school to four years of medical school, and you come to a total of over $300,000 to earn your medical degree at a public college, out-of-state, on average.

What high school students and their parents are researching high education options, scholarships, grants, loans and financial aid, they need to take a hard look at the end goal. Some careers require a bachelor’s degree or higher. This won’t change. Some careers, however, require hands-on training, apprenticeships and even training from experienced family members if the college-bound teen is headed to the family business.

Not everyone is cut out for a four-year degree at a university, nor is it necessary. Did you know that in 2019, the average salary of a plumber is $50,104, the average salary of an electrician is $47,723, the average salary of an auto mechanic is $40,509 and the average salary of an HVAC mechanic III is $61,060. These figures come from salary.com and ziprecruiter.com. These skilled trades, as well as many other career options, do not require a four-year college degree.

Over the next few weeks, the Tri-County Times will explore various skilled trade schools, apprenticeships and other programs that can lead to a well-paying job, many of which might include health benefits, 401k plans and life insurance. Whichever route you take, learning a skilled trade in a short program or working toward a bachelor, master or doctorate degree over many years can lead toward a successful career.

Remember, when your furnace quits working, your car’s engine light comes on or your home’s water pipes burst, it will most likely be a skilled trades worker that you call for help.
By Sally Rummel

Mary Ring and Dale Lage of Holly didn’t know each other at the time, but both had served aboard the U.S.S. Dwight D. Eisenhower during their military service in the U.S. Navy, a decade apart.

They’ve been Holly residents since 2014, moving here from Norfolk, Virginia to care for Dale’s mother and to be close to family.

Dale’s quiet personality and attention to detail were a perfect fit for his volunteer work at the military library at the Holly Area Veterans Resource Center. He had served in the Navy from 1983 to 1987, first in Keflavik, Iceland and the NATO Military Airlift Command, and then on the U.S.S. Eisenhower.

Mary’s outgoing demeanor and attentiveness to detail were a perfect fit for her volunteer work at the military library at the Holly Area Veterans Resource Center. She had served in the Navy since 1983

Meanwhile, Elena Nierink of Anna’s Interior Design in Holly’s Battle Alley was looking for a deserving veteran to honor with a “Suite Dreams” bedroom makeover.

She realized that veterans often have a difficult time sleeping and had provided this service before at her Allen Park interior design business. “I did this a long time ago and thought I’d bring the idea to Holly,” Nierink said. She has been in business in Holly for three years and in Allen Park for 30 years.

Holly Area Veterans Resource Center Secretary Ina Golden suggested the Lage’s when Nierink asked her about a deserving veteran. Nierink then approached Penny (Winglemire) Raupp at Winglemire Furniture in Holly.

“We talked it over about giving back to our veterans and keeping it all local,” said Raupp, whose business donated a Restonic mattress and box spring set for the bedroom makeover.

Anna’s Interior Design donated new nightstands, lamps, window treatments, matted artwork that Mary Lage had painted, and wall art. Nierink’s painter donated his time and paint and her installer donated his time to hang the window treatments.

“Mary let Dale take the reigns in making choices about colors, bedding style, etc.,” Nierink said. “I think he really enjoyed the experience.”

The bedding that Dale chose was sentimental because it included the color turquoise from their wedding on Aug. 6, 2011. “It’s kind of like having HGTV here, only better,” Dale said. “It’s a dream bedroom for us.”

“It feels good to have done this for them,” said Nierink, who hopes to involve more businesses in future projects.

“We’re very excited about it,” said Raupp. “The couple was very emotional.”

Dale and Mary Lage of Holly, both veterans of the U.S. Navy, are the recipients of a “Suite Dreams” bedroom makeover, thanks to the generosity of two Holly businesses.

Photo: Tim Jagielo
Even though he’s only right some of the time, Punxsutawney Phil has become synonymous with the “possible” end to winter and an early spring of the time. Punxsutawney Phil is Jet setter meteorologist, Amateur celebrity, and Groundhog Day is the difference between a groundhog and woodchuck. Inquiring minds want to know. What answer a few questions for us. Before Groundhog Day, Phil agreed to answer a few questions for us. Inquiring minds want to know. What is the difference between a groundhog, woodchuck and a gopher? I am so glad you asked. First, a groundhog and woodchuck are basically the same animal. But a gopher is a despicable creature with bad teeth. The gopher’s large incisors protrude from its mouth, even when closed. Disgusting, right?

A groundhog’s teeth sit inside the mouth when closed. Groundhogs have white teeth. Gophers have yellow or brownish teeth. Many gophers have pink feet; while groundhogs tend to have dark brown or black feet. A gopher’s tail is hairless where a groundhog’s is short and covered in thick fur. Groundhogs clearly outclass gophers.

Where do you live? My wife, Phyllis, and I live in a rural area about two miles outside of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. We live in the town library. Visitors can peer in through a window from outside and through another in the library's children's section. Adding a fake tree may have been a mistake. In 2012, I climbed into the ceiling and got into huge trouble.

What do you like to eat and drink? Corn-on-the-cob is my fave! The first time I tried it I fell in love. I also like carrots, celery, lettuce and kale. I also eat granola bars. Because I have two teeth that never stop growing, the bars help me wear them down. What I like to drink is what keeps me young year after year. I am fed a magical “Groundhog Punch” every summer at the annual Groundhog Picnic. Just a sip extends my life for another seven years. During Prohibition I had to flex my muscle and threaten there would be 60 more weeks of winter if I was kept from drinking the hard stuff in my punch. They say I am around 131 years old because of the special elixir. Most groundhogs only live four to six years in the wild. What do you do the rest of the year? Because of our public roles, Phyllis and I stay semi-active and don’t hibernate fully in winter like most groundhogs, whose body temperatures drop and hearts slow to as few as four beats a minute. We snooze more, however, sleeping 12 to 15 hours daily until March. The shut-eye comes in handy, because we make appearances at such events as weddings, picnics and Pittsburgh Penguins games.

What are you most proud of? I’m most proud that one of the most popular landmarks in Punxsutawney and in Western Pennsylvania is Gobbler’s Knob, the site of the annual Groundhog Day celebration and where I make my prediction every Feb. 2. Thousands of visitors come to Gobbler’s Knob on Groundhog Day as well as throughout the rest of the year. Everyone always gets this wrong? What does it mean when you do/don’t see your shadow? Okay, for the thousandth time, if I see my shadow, you’re in for six more weeks of winter. If I don’t see it, spring will come early. What’s up with the other groundhogs around the country trying to make the same predictions? My cousin Woody, who lives at the Howell Nature Preserve in Michigan, is a good guy and does a pretty good job predicting the end of winter. But some of the others are, in my opinion, imposters. They include Staten Island Chuck in New York, Buckey Chuck in Ohio, General Beauregard Lee in Georgia and Chattanooga Chuck in Tennessee. Can you give us a hint about spring coming early? Nope, sorry, only the shadow knows.

Sources: nola.com; groundhog.org; Fox News
HISTORICAL EVENTS

**JAN. 27**
1967: A launch pad fire during Apollo program tests at Cape Canaveral, Florida, kills astronauts Virgil “Gus” Grissom, Edward H. White II, and Roger B. Chaffee. An investigation indicated that a faulty electrical wire inside the Apollo 1 command module was the probable cause. The astronauts were the first Americans to die in a spacecraft.

**JAN. 28**
1986: At 11:38 a.m. EST, the space shuttle Challenger lifts off from Cape Canaveral, Florida, and Christa McAuliffe is on her way to becoming the first ordinary teacher from New Hampshire, a 37-year-old high school social studies teacher from New Hampshire, and runs back into its burrow, predicting six more weeks of winter weather; no shadow means an early spring.

**JAN. 29**
1936: The U.S. Baseball Hall of Fame elects its first members in Cooperstown, New York; Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, Honus Wagner, Christy Mathewson and Walter Johnson. The Hall of Fame actually had its beginnings in 1935, when plans were made to build a museum devoted to baseball and its 100-year history.

**JAN. 30**
1835: Andrew Jackson becomes the first American president to experience an assassination attempt. Richard Lawrence, an unemployed house painter, approached Jackson as he left a congressional funeral held in the rotunda of the Capitol building and shot at him, but his gun misfired. A furious 67-year-old Jackson confronted his attacker, clubbing Lawrence seven times with his walking cane. During the scuffle, Lawrence managed to pull out a second loaded pistol and pulled the trigger, but it also misfired. Jackson’s aides then wrestled Lawrence away from the president, leaving Jackson unhurt but angry and, as it turned out, paranoid.

**FEB. 1**
1974: University of Washington student Lynda Ann Healy disappears from her apartment and is killed by Ted Bundy. The murder marked Bundy’s entry into the ranks of serial killers as he had recently attacked his first victim, Sharon Clarke, in her Seattle home. By the time he was finally captured on April 2, 1979, Bundy had become America’s most famous serial killer. In the summer of 1974, Bundy attacked at least seven young women in Washington. Bundy’s victims looked remarkably similar to each other. Nearly all of them had long, dark hair parted in the middle. Those who knew him said that he was very smart and personable, and mostly used his charm to pick up his victims.

**FEB. 2**
1867: Groundhog Day, a rodent meteorologist, is celebrated for the first time at Gobbler’s Knob in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. According to tradition, if a groundhog comes out of its hole on this day and sees its shadow, it gets scared and runs back into its burrow, predicting six more weeks of winter weather; no shadow means an early spring.

**FEB. 3**
1988: In San Diego, California, Doug Williams of the Washington Redskins becomes the first African-American quarterback to play in a Super Bowl, scoring four of Washington’s five touchdowns in an upset 42-10 victory over the Denver Broncos in Super Bowl XXI.

**FEB. 4**
1947: The National Football League completes its inaugural year with a 28-7 victory by the Baltimore Colts over the Green Bay Packers in Los Angeles.

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**FEB. 7**
1958: President Eisenhower signs the National Aeronautics and Space Act, creating the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**FEB. 8**
1919: Charles Coolidge, the first African-American quarterback to play in a Super Bowl, leads the Cleveland Browns to a 17-7 victory over the Washington Redskins in Super Bowl XV.

**FEB. 9**
1862: The U.S. Civil War begins with the Battle of Bull Run.

**FEB. 10**
1959: The Soviet Union launches Sputnik, the world’s first artificial satellite.

**FEB. 11**
1964: The Civil Rights Act of 1964 is signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson.

**FEB. 12**
1972: The U.S. Supreme Court rules in the case of Roe v. Wade that states cannot ban abortion in the first trimester.

**FEB. 13**
1984: The U.S. Supreme Court rules in the case of Regents of the University of California v. Bakke that universities can consider race as a factor in the admissions process.

**FEB. 14**
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**FEB. 17**
1984: The U.S. Supreme Court rules in the case of Roe v. Wade that states cannot ban abortion in the first trimester.

**FEB. 18**
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THE YARN RECYCLERS from the Loose Center are in need of yarn to make items for veterans and the homeless. If you have yarn you could donate, it will be much appreciated. All donations can be dropped off at the senior Center. Thank you.

I HAVE ALWAYS been taught that we have separation of church and state. Why is a sermon at (Holly church) allowed to declare 'there is no such thing as fake news,' and that the illegals at our southern border be allowed in our country for humanitarian reasons?

FUNNY, HOT-LINER WHO thinks, 'teens are the smartest,' also thinks 'you' limits his comments to personal use, personnel are allowed to express themselves as private citizens as long as it does not impede their work.

The problem lies.

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SOCIAL MEDIA

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Fire department

Fire Chief Ryan Volz said they’ve had issues in the past with firefighters posting inappropriate things on Facebook. He’s gotten a few calls from residents complaining about firefighters’ online conduct.

“Being in the public eye as a firefighter, police, or anyone in public safety, you should watch what you say. I know there’s freedom of speech, but people say things they shouldn’t,” he said.

The Fenton Township Fire Department social media policy allows for the use of department-sanctioned social media pages that display the logo, contact information for the department for the department and more. When it comes to personal use, personnel are allowed to express themselves as private citizens as long as it does not impede their work.

Staff is cautioned that, as public employees, their speech on or off duty may not be protected under the First Amendment, and discipline is possible if what they post is detrimental to the department.

They cannot disseminate any information they have access to due to their job without permission, and they are cautioned not to display department logo, uniforms or items that would identify them as a firefighter of that department without permission.

Volz said if they respond to a crash, his firefighters cannot take photos of the wreck and post it on social media. Personnel cannot post obscene content, show bias against any protected class of individuals, make statements or endorsements without permission, publish falsehoods or anything deemed offensive by a reasonable person. Other prohibited content includes using someone’s likeness, name or personal attributes without permission of the owner.

“I think all municipalities should have something in regards to social media in this day and age with the technology we have,” he said. “It protects the township. It protects the department. They’re representing the township and they shouldn’t be complaining about the township online. They can go to the board meetings and speak.”

School districts

School districts have rules for employees and students when it comes to social media. The Linden Board of Education recently adopted social media standards for staff and students, which state that students can use social media during school if it’s done for educational purposes with permission from the teacher. The policy also states that staff will monitor students’ use online activities while at school, and teach students about appropriate online behavior on social media, chat rooms and cyberbullying awareness.

Staf is allowed to use social media for educational purposes, approved by the superintendent. Many teachers post on Twitter what students are working on that day, what awards their students receive and more. Staff is allowed to use social media for private use.

Students are required to fill out a form stating that they understand the terms of their handbooks, which may contain a social media policy, and employees must follow district rules.

At Linden, the handbook states that social networking or electronic communications between staff and students must be professional and not cross over into personal lives. Any web pages created by students or staff cannot contain any personal information about the students, nor can it contain any abusive, obscene or inappropriate language or links to inappropriate chat rooms. The policy states that the district can take disciplinary action or “exercise editorial control over the style and content of student speech on District-approved social media” if it violates the rules.

The district-approved sites may also be considered public records or student records. The policy does not mention after-school use of social media.

Many of the stipulations in these above policy have been adopted by the Lake Fenton Community School District. The Blue Devils also have a statement on employee’s personal use of social media, which reads, “While the board respects its employees’ First Amendment rights, those rights do not include permission to post inflammatory comments that could compromise the district’s mission, undermine staff relationships, or cause a substantial disruption to the school environment.”

This includes conduct off school property and the employee’s private computer as well.

Lake Fenton Superintendent Julie Williams said, “School districts do have the ability to discipline students for online activity outside the normal day if it creates a substantial disruption to the school environment or creates a safety concern for any of our students.”
ROBOTICS KEY TO STEM LEARNING AT HOLLY AREA SCHOOLS

At Holly Area Schools, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) instruction plays a central role in providing our Bronchos with the skills necessary to compete for the jobs of the future.

That’s why I’m excited to announce the 2019 Team Hollywood Robotics season. Earlier this month, our robotics team participated in the FIRST Robotics season kickoff at Kettering University in Flint. Students were provided with a kit to assemble their robot, and were given six weeks to design and prepare it for competition.

This year’s FIRST Robotics game, “Destination: Deep Space,” is sponsored by Boeing and celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 mission. We’ll learn more about the robotics challenge in the weeks to come.

The season kicks off in March with the following schedule:

District 1: March 7-9
Belleville High School

District 2: March 14-16
Center Line High School

If the team qualifies, they will have the opportunity to compete in the Michigan State Championship April 10-13 at Saginaw Valley State University and later the World Championship April 24-27 at the Cocho Center in Detroit. For news and updates on the Hollywood Robotics season, follow the team on Twitter.

Our robotics program is a fun, rewarding learning opportunity for our students. It also helps prepare them for bright futures, whether that means college, technical school, apprenticeship or anything creative. The name would have to be approved.

Adopt-A-Pet is hoping to raise the funds through donations and sponsorships. The shelter already has two sponsored rooms for kittens and needs more.

Those interested in supporting Adopt-A-Pet with the renovations can contact Maddock at (810) 629-0723 or jodydogger@gmail.com.

- Scott Roper

Holly Area Schools superintendent

ADOPT-A-PET CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

“The most exciting part the cats will love the most are ‘catgeries’ outdoor cat rooms off three of the rooms. These are areas where the cats/kittens can enjoy fresh air, natural light, sounds of nature and cool breezes. These catgeries are quite expensive but something the cats will love for many years to come,” Maddock said.

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Those who donate the full amount for a room can name the room after their family or anything creative. The name would have to be approved.

One room costs $1,500, one is $2,500 and each cattery is $5,000 sponsored. All donations are tax deductible. People can donate smaller amounts of money as well.

“Having cats who are more relaxed means they’re better behaved and more like how they will be in their permanent home. Too many cats in one space or not enough activities can create a very stressful environment for the cats,” she said.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

NEWS FLASH: POLITICIANS, journalists, lawyers, government officials, professors, businesspersons, you, me and even climate scientists lie. Despite any academic pedigree a climate scientist offers, he or she is still a human and quite capable of lying to promote their self-interests.

DEMOCRATS RECENTLY OK’D millions of dollars for Mozambique for AIDS, Costa Rica for crime, and Nigeria and Senegal for diseases. They OK’d $40 billion for border walls a few years ago but won’t authorize monies now. When did the Dems quit caring for the safety and well-being of Americans?

I AM STILL waiting for the explanation of why anyone would want a wide-open national border that accepts thousands of unknown and unvetted individuals, possibly terrorists, that put our families at risk. Please, someone explain this to me.

- Scott Roper

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, Jan. 18.

The new legislature is still getting organized, with House committee assignments announced just this week. Rather than votes, this report contains some interesting or noteworthy new bill introductions.

Senate Bill 1: Assert intention to lower auto insurance rates

Introduced by Sen. Aric Nesbitt (R), to establish as the intent of the legislature that the legislature enact reforms to Michigan’s no-fault auto insurance system and that rates come down. The bill lists the components of this issue that appear ripe for reform but does not prescribe any specific reforms. See House Bill 4024 below.

Senate Bill 11: Mandate auto insurers distribute injury claims reserve money to customers

Introduced by Sen. Paul Wojnow (D), to require the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association to return $1.2 billion from its insurance claim reserve fund to auto insurers, who would return the money to policyholders. The bill makes an assumption that the reserve fund holds $1.2 billion more than the amount that actuaries estimate is needed to cover the acute and ongoing care needs of past and future crash victims. Senate Bill 4 requires the MCCA to disclose the actuarial computations used to determine the required reserve fund amount.

- The Mackinac Center for Public Policy
BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: Alteration Destination

Former Dixie Cleaners seamstress opens storefront in Fenton

By Sally Rummel

Got a broken zipper or a hem that needs fixing?

Now you can call Lisa Perczak, longtime Dixie Cleaners seamstress, at her own business, Alteration Destination, at 1445 N. LeRoy St.

Perczak opened her own business Jan. 14 in the Little Caesars plaza at the north end of Fenton, after customers told her how much they missed her expertise in alterations.

“We do everything,” said Perczak, who spent the last 42 years at Dixie Cleaners in Fenton. “Any sewing, alterations, formalwear, hems, zippers, waists. We also do feather pillow restoration. The only thing we don’t do is wedding dresses.”

Perczak encourages families to bring in formal dresses early for the upcoming prom season.

She also offers drop-off laundry service, with washing, folding and pressing but no dry cleaning.

Alteration Destination is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday, from 12 to 6 p.m. and Saturday by appointment.

For more information, call (810) 444-6255.

Alteration Destination, a full-service alterations business, is now open in Fenton by Lisa Perczak, formerly the seamstress at Dixie Cleaners for more than four decades.

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The state is trumpeting its sound fiscal management and admonishing local governments for not being as efficient. “What the state fails to mention is that it balanced its own budget on the backs of local communities,” he explained.

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The state has withheld the full revenue sharing amount for several years, Markland said. “The cumulative amount is over $4.5 million.”

According to SaveMiCity (savemcity.org), the link to which was provided by Markland, the city of Fenton has lost $4,580,458 in revenue sharing since 2002.

Michigan’s cities and villages are the centers of our economy, according to the Michigan Municipal League (MML). They maintain the infrastructure and services that support the vast majority of state jobs.

The revenue sharing distribution formula was designed to appropriately compensate the communities that support everyone and the higher costs they bear. Therefore, when that formula is under-funded, Michigan’s entire economy suffers.

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**FARMERS MARKET**

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40 more outside from May through October.

It’s at 300 East First St., in the former Flint Journal print facility. The first recorded open-air market in Flint was in 1905, according to the market website. Eventually run by the city of Flint, it was bought by the Uptown Reinvestment Corp. in 2002, which runs the market today.

In 2014, the market moved from the long-running former location at the Flint River north of the University of Michigan-Flint, to its current spot.

Janell Baumgart, events manager, said approximately 2,000 visitors will come through on a Tuesday or Thursday, and 3,000 on a busy Saturday. These numbers double in the summer time. Approximately 525,000 shop annually.

“Everyone from students to downtown residents, local business employees even a few visitors from outside of Genesee County make regular trips to the market especially on weekends and enjoy Flint with their family,” Baumgart said.

Ample sunlight makes the market colors pop, and high ceilings feel more like a mall than a market.

Seated at the second-floor atrium, diners and bar goers can chat and watch the action below.

Chloe Plamondon of Flushing was sitting with other friends who work for the University of Michigan-Flint. She prefers the sushi, but likes that the variety can invite visitors to try new things.

“As small as (the market) is, there’s a big variety for people,” she said. “It’s just a lively place to be.”

Perusing the different food vendors is like exploring countries abroad through smell and taste. Vietnamese, Mediterranean, Japanese, Italian, Mexican and others are represented at the market, according to Baumgart.

There is fresh bread, produce, cheeses, gifts and children’s play area. Upstairs at Market Tap, visitors can have a beer, wine or a cocktail.

Sam and Enaya Jawhari of Fenton Township have their business, Beirut Restaurant and Grocery in the heart of the market selling Mediterranean meals and groceries. “This has been really good for the community,” he said. He likes being part of the international flair of the market. “For a long time, people weren’t aware of Middle Eastern food.”

CRUST, a baking company in Fenton, also is located at the market.

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**HURLEY MEDICAL CENTER**

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Eagles move three games up on Metro

By David Troppens

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Tigers compete in another nailbiter game

By David Troppens

DeGayner’s trey sparks 49-46 victory

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Guess what? The Fenton varsity boys basketball team was involved in another close Metro League game Tuesday night.

The Tigers led 29-19 at halftime, but Brandon rebounded and enjoyed a 46-45 lead late. However, Trent DeGayner’s three-pointer with 20 seconds remaining gave the Tigers the lead for good, resulting in a 49-46 victory.

All but one of Fenton’s Metro League contests have been decided by five points or less.

“We’ve only had one game that we have not had a chance to win in the Metro League and that was the Linden game,” Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Chad Logan said. “This was a very nice win for us because Brandon has a new set of players (new transfer players), we were on the road and it was a bad weather night.

We had some nice contributions from many players. We had some threeDragons (6-3) fell to three games behind the Eagles (9-0) with the loss. Flushing is also tied in second, three games behind Linden.

“It’s getting kind of boring because I always say it, but I’m really proud of these kids,” Root said. “They are a really great group of kids to work with and coach. They have good practices and prepare well. Last night they got after it and were really motivated. They want to bring (the Metro League title) home.”

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Fenton’s Parker Brady attempts a shot in a recent game. Brady had 15 points and 10 rebounds in the Tigers’ win against Brandon.

Lauren Bossenberger dribbles with the ball in a recent contest.

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Bronchos overwhelm Owosso, earn 64-31 victory

By David Troppens

If the Owosso varsity girls basketball team was thinking about upsetting the Holly Bronchos on Tuesday, Holly made sure that dream ended quickly.

Holly outscored its hosts 25-4 in the opening quarter, and cruised to a 64-31 victory against the Trojans.

Coincidentally, the Trojans also scored 31 points in the first confrontation between the two teams. Holly beat Owosso 56-31 at home on Dec. 11.

Holly’s defense was strong, allowing just 12 first-half points, enabling the Bronchos (6-3 in the Metro) to take a 36-12 lead at halftime. Owosso did outscore the Bronchos 13-9 in the third quarter, but Holly netted 19 points in the final period to make sure they left Owosso with the easy road win.

Rebecca Fugate was her typical strong self, netting a game-high 24 points. Hunter Weeder also had a strong game, netting a career-high 15 points. Payton Price also made double-digits with 11 points.

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Fenton’s defense sparks 60-25 victory vs. Blackhawks

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity girls basketball team has had its share of strong defensive basketball games this winter.

The Tigers have held Metro League foes to under 30 points four times, with the most recent coming Tuesday. The Tigers limited Brandon to just 25 points in a 60-25 home victory Tuesday night.

Brandon will be happy never to see the Tigers again this season. The Blackhawks scored just 40 points in two games against Fenton this season.

The Tigers (8-1 in the Metro and tied with Kearsley at the top of the league) have been using its depth to drive games most of the season. Tuesday night was no exception. Korynt Smith led the Tigers with 16 points while Chloe Idoni had 13 points and 10 rebounds. Kyla Lynch netted 11 points and eight rebounds. Erin Carter had six points, seven rebounds and three steals. Sam Whaling had seven rebounds and four steals while Erin Conroy had six assists and three steals. Lilly McKee and Lauren Bossenberger also had four points each.

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Lauren Bossenberger had 14 points in the win.

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Logan Molzahn won the 100 breaststroke against Avondale, Tuesday.

Photo: David Troppens

Molzhan qualifies for state, leading Holly swim team

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Trombley gunning for state championship in March

By David Troppens

Lake Fenton — Sean Trombley had a great junior wrestling season.

He went 48-2 and made it into the Division 3 state championship match at 145 pounds.

However, he lost that match by a slight 5-3 margin to Richmond’s Alex Roberts. Being a senior, this is Trombley’s last chance to earn a state title, and he wants to get it.

“I do think about last year,” Trombley said. “I have one more shot to get it done. I have 200 wins on the line and the state championship, I almost have to win out to get 200 wins (he may have a couple more wins than 200 for his career if he wins the rest of his matches). If I can get 200 wins and a state championship, that’s something to be proud of.”

In a season that sees Lake Fenton’s team with plenty of young and inexperienced wrestlers, Trombley is one of the obvious exceptions. Of course, he’s the younger brother of Jarrett Trombley, who capped his prep career with four state championships a year ago, and he has always lived a life where wrestling was a big part of his life.

Griffins use balanced offense to defeat Huron

On Saturday, the Fenton/Linden varsity hockey team had eight different players score goals in an 8-1 win.

The Griffins continued the trend on Tuesday. Seven different players scored seven goals in a 7-3 victory against Ann Arbor Huron.

The offense was consistent as the Griffins had control of the contest for pretty much the entire game.

Blue Devils win thriller vs. Ovid-Elsie, 59-55

The Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team found themselves in a back-and-forth affair at Ovid-Elsie, Tuesday.

The first quarter has been unkind to the Linden varsity girls basketball team this season. It was against Swartz Creek.

Lady Eagles struggle in first quarter vs. Creek

But the Blue Devils won the fourth quarter and left the road contest with a tight 59-55 victory.

January 27, 2019

Athlete of the Week

Lake Fenton’s Sean Trombley (top) works on getting a takedown in a dual meet against Goodrich, Wednesday. Photo: David Troppens

Lake Fenton swimmers defeat St. Johns, 107-77

The Fenton varsity boys swim team earned another state qualifying cut while making the trip to St. Johns for a recent non-league dual meet.

Evan Bartow posted a time of 55.52 seconds to win the 100 butterfly while earning a state-qualifying time in the Tigers’ 108-77 victory Tuesday night. Bartow took part in four firsts.
Museum and gallery in Canton, Ohio honors professional American football since 1963

By Sally Rummel

With Super Bowl Sunday just one week away, consider a trip to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio for a fun getaway weekend in 2019.

Known as “The Most Inspiring Place on Earth!” this monument to football history is just 251 miles from Fenton, and 50 miles south of Cleveland, Ohio. On the way, landmarks include the Toledo Zoo and the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Museum in Cleveland.

Why was the Pro Football Hall of Fame built in Canton? The National Football League was founded there in 1920 and at one time, the Canton Bulldogs were a successful NFL team during the first few years of the league.

Since its beginnings in 1963, this hall of fame has undergone many renovations and upgrades. Its largest to-date is the construction of Johnson Controls Hall of Fame Village, an $800-million development, which will include the new Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium for sports and entertainment, as well as eight other components with the Pro Football Hall of Fame Museum at its center.

The completion of this village coincides with the Centennial Celebration of the NFL on Sept. 17, 2020.

What to see and do

You’ll find everything from football’s past and present, including artifacts and interactives that tell the story of pro football. See HALL OF FAME on 19

Visitors to the Pro Football Hall of Fame will enjoy browsing through the Hall of Fame Gallery which contains bronze busts from all 318 Hall of Famers. Photo: forbes.com
Some things are not for me

By Vera Hogan

A couple of weeks ago, a Facebook friend posted the 10 things that everyone seems to like, but her — not so much. I didn’t post anything then, but I do agree that most of the people I know love things that I don’t.

They are, in no particular order:

Hummus. I’ve never sat on a beach and scooped up a hummus from a pile and tried to eat it. You know, just to see what it tastes like. Well to me, that’s what hummus reminds me of. It’s the texture or something. It feels like I’m putting wet sand in my mouth. I love chickpeas though. My adult sons love hummus. They didn’t get that from me.

Tea. I cannot stomach any kind of tea, hot or cold. I will get violently ill if I drink a cup (or glass) of tea. Maybe it’s because that’s what my mother gave me when I was sick. Yeah, make me drink a cup of tea, hot or cold. I will get violently ill if I drink a cup (or glass) of tea. Maybe it’s because that’s what my mother gave me when I was sick. Yeah, make me drink a cup of tea.

Hummus. They didn’t get that from me. I love some blood. I could eat my steak well done. They refuse to serve me my steak well done. They refuse to serve me my steak well done.

Well-done steak. That’s just wrong. There are actually restaurants in Chicago that will invite you to eat at another restaurant down the street if you order your steak well done. They refuse to ruin a good piece of meat. Personally, I love some blood. I could eat my steak well done. They refuse to serve me my steak well done.

Just sayin’!

HALL OF FAME

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Perhaps the most emotional stop will be the Hall of Fame (HOF) Gallery that houses the bronze busts of each of the Hall of Famers, currently including 318 bronze busts from the Class of 2018.

The Super Bowl 52 Theater, presenting a rotating IMAX experience, highlights the most recent NFL season and Super Bowl

A Game for Life Theater features holographic representations of HOF legends Joe Namath, George Halas and Vince Lombardi.

Visit the Hunt/Casterline Card Collection, the highest graded and most valuable football card collection in the world.

The Pro Football Today Gallery is filled with artifacts from recent history-making performances including many milestone moments from the current NFL season.

An interactive area highlights artifacts from the most recently inducted class into the HOF, including 2018. Current exhibits also feature artifacts from the Black College Football Hall of Fame, the United States Football League and the history of NFL Sunday Night Football.

Admission and hours

Admission is $26 for adults, $22 for seniors 65+ and $19 for children age 6 to 12. Children under 6 are free.

Winter and spring hours are daily 9 to 5 p.m. with extended summer hours from Memorial Day through Labor Day weekends.

Beyond football

Canton, a vibrant city of 71,000 residents, thrives on football, even in its bustling downtown. A world-class art exhibit, “The Eleven,” celebrates the greatest moments in pro football history. Be sure to stop at the National First Ladies Library, also downtown. Part of the site is the Ida Saxton McKinley House, the family home of Lady Ida Saxton McKinley and the long-time residence of William and Ida McKinley.

The 25th U.S. President spent much of his life in Canton and the William McKinley Tomb is his final resting place. Nearby is the McKinley Presidential Library and Museum.

To lift your spirits, be sure to visit the Gervasi Vineyard, a Tuscan-themed winery.

HALL OF FAME
Should you stay or should you go?
Super Bowl LIII prices, weather and G-shutdown may help with decision

By Vera Hogan

More than a million people are expected to visit Atlanta for this year’s Super Bowl game at Mercedes-Benz Stadium and related events. While Super Bowl LIII will be played Feb. 3, Atlanta is also playing host to a week-long festival leading up to the big faceoff between the AFC championship and NFC championship teams.

Getting into the game could cost $3,475 to $15,925. Tickets to Super Bowl LIII at Mercedes-Benz Stadium had an average listing price of $5,790 as of Jan. 23, according to data from TickPick. If it holds through Super Bowl Sunday, that price would rank as the most expensive on record for the secondary market. The “get-in” price, or cheapest available ticket, cost $3,120 as of Jan. 23. Fans should expect to pay between $4,000 and $6,000 for a ticket this year.

It could also cost $3,000 in other expenses like airfare to and from Atlanta (from Detroit), roundtrip road travel (from Detroit), lodging, food for a few days, public transportation and entertainment (if any).

If you stay home, go to a party or local watering hole on Super Bowl Sunday, you’ll most likely join the rest of America in consuming calories like a competitive eater. On average, we’re expected to eat 2,400 calories each just during game time. Get ready America, things are about to get heavy.

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VILLAGE OF HOLLY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF SITE PLAN REVIEW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with Article 21, Section 2106 of the Village of Holly Zoning Ordinance, that the Village of Holly Planning Commission will consider a request for a Site Plan Review on February 27, 2019 at 7:00 PM (or as soon thereafter as possible) in the Village of Holly Council Chambers located at 920 E. Baird Street, Holly, Michigan.

An application for site plan review was filed by Logan LeClair, Reliable Wrenches, 1006 N. Saginaw, Holly, MI 48442. The proposal is for the Special Use Permit at 1006 N. Saginaw Street, Holly, MI Parcel ID # IH-01-27-351-002.

Written comments may be submitted to the Village Clerk/Treasurer, Karl Richter Center, 300 East Street, Holly, Michigan 48442 prior to the review and may also be submitted at the meeting. All documents pertinent to the application are available for inspection in the Village Offices at the above address during regular business hours.

Interested persons are encouraged to attend the meeting. Handicapped persons needing assistance to attend are asked to contact the village offices at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at (248) 634-9571 during regular business hours.

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Puzzle Answers

Midweek Sudoku, Crossword Puzzle and Jumbles are located in the last Midweek’s issue. All other puzzles are located throughout this edition of the Tri-County Times.

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WEEKEND TIMES Sunday, January 27, 2019

Tyron Township
Livingston County, Michigan
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
UPON A ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
AND A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
FOR THE PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

(1) The Township Board of Tyrone Township, Livingston County, Michigan (the “Township”) in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan, will conduct a public hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m. local time, on February 5, 2019, at the Tyrone Township Hall, 10408 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan, to review the following proposed special assessment district:

TYRONE TOWNSHIP IRISH HILLS SUBDIVISION ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (2019) SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

and to hear any objections thereto, and to the proposed project, and to the petitions filed by Township property owners with respect to the proposed project.

(2) The project (the “Project”) will consist of the following road improvements to the following roads in and around the Irish Hills Subdivision: Donegal Court, Dublin Drive, Tipperary Trail and Wicklow Hill Court.

The Project is designed to serve the properties in the Special Assessment District (the “District”), which District consists of the properties located within the area designated on the map and includes the specific properties that are identified by the permanent lot and parcel numbers set forth below:

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1004-29-201-019

Map of Special Assessment District

(3) The Township plans to impose special assessments on the properties located in the Special Assessment District to pay for the costs of the Project.

(4) The plans and cost estimates for the proposed Project, the description of the District, and the petitions in support of the Project are now on file in the office of the Township Clerk for public inspection. Periodic redeterminations of the cost of the Project may be made, and subsequent hearings shall not be required if such cost redeterminations do not increase the estimated cost of the Project by more than 10%. Any person objecting to the proposed Project, the petitions supporting the Project, or the proposed District must file his or her objections in writing with the Township Clerk before the close of the February 5, 2019 public hearing or within such additional time (if any) as the Township Board may grant.

This notice is given by order of the Tyron Township Board.

Dated: January 15, 2019
Marcella Husted, Tyrone Township Clerk
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

At their meeting of January 21, 2019, the Fenton Township Board conducted the first reading of the following proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments:

1. A rezoning amendment to rezone parcel 06-12-100-013, (12201 Fenton Road), from AG to C-2.
2. A rezoning amendment to rezone parcel 06-03-200-014, (11220 Torrey Road), from R-3 to M-2, with conditions.

The second reading of the proposed ordinances will be conducted at the February 4, 2019 Fenton Township Board meeting.

Complete copies of the proposed ordinances may be obtained at the office of the Fenton Township Clerk, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

1. Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
2. Welcomed newly appointed Trustee Christine Reid to the Township Board.
3. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of $341,659.62.
4. After conducting a public hearing on same, adopted Resolution No. 2019-02, approving the transfer of an existing property tax abatement from CFI Medical Solutions to Domico Med-Device, LLC.
5. Conducted a public hearing to obtain citizen input on potential local road improvement projects for 2019.
6. Received the 4th quarter report from Ordinance Enforcement Officer Patrick Shaw.
7. Conducted the first reading of a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to rezone parcel 06-12-100-013, (12201 Fenton Road), from AG to C-2.
8. Conducted the first reading of a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to rezone parcel 06-03-200-014, (11220 Torrey Road), from R-3 to M-2, with conditions.
9. Approved funding for PEG Grant applications from Linden Community Schools, Lake Fenton Community Schools, Hartland High School and Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation.
10. Adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday January 21, 2019 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

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.

ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

**Weekend Sudoku**

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 3x3 box contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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5. Check out previous lost and found pets on the classified section of our website at myfenton.com
6. Make posters
7. Visit all local dog pounds and animal shelters

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### Weekend Scrambler

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gap!

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*Weekend Scrambler*


Deborah S. Larr - age 62, of Holly, died Thursday, January 24, 2019. Funeral services will be held at 2 PM Sunday, January 27, 2019 at the Dyer Funeral Home, Holly. Burial will be in Christian Memorial Cemetery, Rochester Hills. Visitation will be from 2-5 and 7-9 PM Saturday, January 26, 2019. Debbie was born in Pontiac on March 9, 1956 to Lynwood and Carol (Campbell) Koop. She married her husband, Michael Larr on December 21, 1974. She was a beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, and she enjoyed puzzles and reading. Surviving are her husband, Michael; sons, Jonathan (Samantha) Larr and Aaron (Amanda) Larr; six grandchildren, Tyler, Mariah, Ian, Katrina, Jason David, and Avery; brother, Timothy Koop; sisters, Theresa (Gordie) Rigolot, Donna Baker, and Kellie Lynn Koop. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Lynwood Koop. J. Memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice.


Dorothy Case - Dorothy Case - age 95, died January 22, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Donna J. Nicholson - Donna J. Nicholson - age 82, of Fenton, formerly of Brighton, died Saturday, January 19, 2019. A Celebration of Life worship service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 12 noon. Donna was born in Sebewaing, MI, the daughter of Harold H. and Ruth (Sling) Mammel. She married Thomas Nicholson on May 3, 1958. Surviving are: husband, Tom; of Fenton; two daughters, Jodi (Jonathan) Keith of Cincinnati, OH and Melanie (Warren) Hein of Fenton; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews; and sisters-in-law, Carol Mammel and Barbara (Bob) Gulbranson. The family welcomes contributions to Trinity Lutheran, 1400 West Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103; Fenton United Methodist Church, 119 S. Leroy St., Fenton, MI 48430; or Kellogg Eye Center, Office of Development, 1000 Wall St., Ann Arbor, MI 48105. Please make contributions in memory of Donna Nicholson. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Stephen Edward Bourdeau - Stephen Edward Bourdeau - age 44, of Westland, died Saturday, January 26, 2019. Funeral services will be held 2 PM Monday, January 28, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Fr. Robert Copeland officiating. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Monday from 12 PM until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to the Stephen Edward Bourdeau Memorial Fund. Stephen was born August 27, 1974 in Royal Oak, the son of Edward G. and Sharon Margaret (Perreault) Bourdeau. He was a graduate of Brandon High School. He was employed by Hertz Global facilities maintenance. Stephen enjoyed working out and was a member of Planet Fitness. Surviving are: his parents, Edward and Sharon Bourdeau of Linden; sisters, Brenda (Robert) Bansale of Howell, Rachael Harris of Flushing, and Steven Bourdeau of Landscape, MI; nieces and nephews; and sisters-in-law, Carol Mammel and Barbara (Bob) Gulbranson. The family welcomes contributions to Trinity Lutheran, 1400 West Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103; Fenton United Methodist Church, 119 S. Leroy St., Fenton, MI 48430; or Kellogg Eye Center, Office of Development, 1000 Wall St., Ann Arbor, MI 48105. Please make contributions in memory of Donna Nicholson. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Ronald Irvin “Ron” Harris - Ronald Irvin “Ron” Harris - age 62, of Flint (formerly of Fenton) passed away on Wednesday, January 23, 2019. Funeral services will be held at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Family visitation will be held from 10-11 AM and then 11 AM until the time of service at 1 PM Friday, February 1, 2019. Ron was born February 15, 1956, in Mansfield, the son of Raymond and Peggy (Tatrow) Harris. He was a 1974 graduate of Fenton High School and retired from the City of Fenton DPW. Ron was a lover of cars, music, and history. He also loved road trips with his wife Sherry and spending time with his family, especially his children and grandchildren. Ron had a zest for life and was an excellent story teller, a friend to all who knew him, and everyone’s favorite uncle. Surviving are: wife, Sherry; his children, Ronald II “Ronnie” (Niki) Harris of Detroit, Randi Harris and Debrah Harris, Staci Atkins (Stacie Grandstaff) of Flint, and Christopher Ford of Flint; grandchildren, Madison, Cameron, Brady, brothers, Play and wife, Kim Harris of Flint, and Nathan Harris of Texas; sister, Jennifer and husband, David Chambers of Garden; and many nieces, nephews, and special friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Maryann and Theresa; brother, Lynwood; and many more.
Training and taming pet birds

Interacting with a companion animal is one of the joys of pet ownership. While certain pets seem more naturally inclined toward interaction than others, such as cats and dogs, many pets can be made more social with the right training.

Many people love having tame and trained birds as pets. Opinions vary as to which birds may be the most amenable to bonding, but many birds make great companions.

First-time bird owners are often advised to start with a young bird, as it is often easier to tame and train a young animal than one who is older. Certain pet stores or bird specialty retailers will hand-raise the birds from babies so they become acclimated with humans very early on. Taming is largely about trust. Therefore, it may need to begin slowly. Gradually go from simply being in the company of the bird to allowing it to sit on your finger or shoulder. According to Rob Marshall, an Australian avian veterinarian, as a bird comes to trust, it and a firm verbal “no” may prevent the bird from biting. Never hit a bird as the bird from biting. Never hit a bird as discipline.

Having a bird’s flight wings clipped is recommended when letting the bird loose in a home and during training. This also helps the bird be more dependent on you and more trusting of your handling.

CHEESY ROTISSERIE CHICKEN ENCHILADA SKILLET

INGREDIENTS:
- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil
- 1/2 onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 cup sour cream, plus more for serving
- 4 corn tortillas, torn into quarters
- 1 (15-ounce) can low sodium black beans, rinsed and drained
- 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon vegetable oil
- 1/2 onion, chopped
- 1 (15-ounce) can low sodium black beans, rinsed and drained
- 3 ounces shredded cheese, such as a Mexican cheese blend
- Monterey Jack, or mozzarella
- jalapeño peppers and chopped fresh cilantro, for serving (optional)

DIRECTIONS:
1. Preheat the oven to 500°F.
2. Heat the oil in a 10-inch oven-safe (preferably cast-iron) skillet over medium heat.
3. Add the onion, garlic, cumin, skin and bones removed, meat shredded (about 4 cups shredded chicken)
4. Fold in the tortillas, chicken, and beans until thoroughly coated.
5. Spoon the mixture into the reserved skillet and cover over medium heat until warmed through, about 3 minutes. Spoon the cheese all over the top and bake until the cheese is melted and bubbling, about 5 minutes.
6. Let cool slightly, then top the enchiladas with sour cream, jalapeños, and cilantro (if desired) and serve directly from the skillet at the table.
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