

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?

Local Realtors are forecasting a strong year in real estate in the tri-county area, based on the strength of the local economy.

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John Tremaine
Tremaine Real Living Real Estate

mistic," said John Tremaine of Tremaine Real Living Real Estate. "Things are happening; it's going to be a great year."

"It's too early to forecast, but it looks like a robust year," said Carol Ray, associate broker at

Berkshire Hathaway Michigan HomeServices in Fenton.

Patrik Welty of Legacy Realty Professionals in Fenton expects to be up significantly this year.

"We're growing, even if our

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Flint Farmers Market shoppers browse the produce at the Bushels & Peck's produce stand on Thursday, Jan. 24. Photo: Tim Jagielo

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

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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

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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 Material Safety Administration (PHMSA) and on hazmat incident and risk data. He's a federal contractor,

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Andy Leyder, 27, a Linden graduate who works in D.C., lost his job and healthcare because of the shutdown. Submitted photo

"Morale is low and people are stressed out and angry."

Andy Leyder
Linden graduate

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"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

“The cats and kittens would love to have more cat walks and climbing structures.”

Jody Maddock
Adopt-A-Pet director

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.

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SOCIAL MEDIA SERIES | PART 1



SOCIAL MEDIA

FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

■ 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.

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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 second consecutive year of "we're not even trying" baseball is beyond me, and I am a huge fan. They could be competitive if they signed even low-end free agents. But, nope. Instead, they're shopping their only remaining decent player, Nicholas Castellanos. (I'm not counting Miggy, who is untradeable, and frankly not that good anymore.)

• **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.

• **That said, the Patriots** will beat the Rams in the Super Bowl, 34-26. Because the league wants to give Tom

Brady one more ring.

• **I have never** outgrown the impulse to kick ice chunks down the road. And I hope I never do.

• **The lesson** to draw from ugly furor over the encounter between the Native American protester and the high-schoolers wearing MAGA hats has nothing to do with political beliefs or divisions. It has everything to do with how easily manipulated we are as a society. The video that initially made it seem like the kids were chanting, insensitive fools was put out by a blogger in Brazil with a history of

trying to cause 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 no particular order: Fenton Fire Station and The Laundry 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.

• **"You can only** end a negotiation for peace if you begin it." — Benjamin Netanyahu

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Andrew Heller
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■■■
THE LIGHT AT Silver Lake Road and U.S. 23 southbound entry ramp needs a left hand turn signal. Traffic there is always backed up. Focus on what we really need.

■■■
TO THE PERSON who said we need to limit truckloads in the spring, have you not heard about the frost laws that go into effect by the road agencies in the spring?

■■■
IN REGARDS TO the unbuildable lot. They probably changed the setback requirements just like the township did. Now they can build five feet from the property line. There are too many unbuildable lots and they realized they are missing out on tax revenue.

■■■
HEY HELLER, THERE are at least seven Blockbuster stores left in Alaska and they are all owned by the same person. Maybe you should do your homework and not rely on Netflix for your information.

■■■
THE REPUBLICANS WOULD reopen government in a heartbeat if the Democrats would keep their word on working on the southern border but they've learned in the past that Democrats lie and won't keep their word.

■■■
IT'S TIME FOR the Democrats to give up hope of overturning the election. They lost.

■■■
THE WHINERS ON the left have to stop crying about the electoral college, which has worked fine for nearly two and a half centuries.

PROMISES, PROMISES. IT'S been over two years now; got more money to spend? Healthier or not so much? Water and air cleaner? How's your retirement planning going? Kids' after high school plan okay? Hmm? Promises, promises.

■■■
TASER LAWS TOO strict? Ms. Ball, did you ask the quoted police officers how they counter someone armed with a Taser? I know from experience in the field, you shoot with a real gun. The gun laws are skewed. Don't make it easier for an immature person to get hurt.

■■■
PELOSI IS CONCERNED for her safety, but not yours.

■■■
WALLS, LIKE LOCKS, only keep honest people honest. Anyone who violates our walls cannot be trusted.

■■■
LIBERALS, CAN ANY of you justify your agenda of open borders for immigrants, massive welfare increases, more crime, more hate for police, continuing degeneration of inner city citizens under democratic rule for decades and the devastation of our schools and colleges? American patriots want to know.

■■■
NO ONE IS illegal on stolen land. Choose love, not hate.

■■■
THE USE OF tattoos usually comes from a lack of self-confidence trying to glorify self. In 1 Corinthians 6:19-21, it says our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit, which we use to glorify God.

■■■
SCHUMER SAID, 'IT is hard to negotiate with a gun to your head.' I can't think of a better time to negotiate.

■■■
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"Ranch dressing. I love eating it with fries."

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"Salt and pepper. I use those more than anything else."

Curt Lovelace
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"Ketchup. I like it on all meats."

Phyllis McDowell
Fenton Township



"Mayonnaise or butter. I like butter on my sandwiches."

Heather Swantek
Rose Township

Holly chamber grows by 41 percent

■ Falls short of 100-member goal by awards dinner, but increases from 37 to 90 members

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 fledgling chamber had 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 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 quiet sponsorship of many community events.

“When an organization can go from 37 members to 90 members in one year, it tells us we are on the right track.”

George Kullis
Holly Area Chamber of
Commerce president

SHUTDOWN

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not a federal employee, which means the government pays his company for the work they do each week.

"This will be my third shutdown, but this is the longest shutdown I've been in. I have co-workers who remember the 2013 shutdown, but I was still in college at the time," he said.

By law, they had to wait a week to file for unemployment before their benefits get paid.

"I have filed for unemployment, but my benefits are \$427 a week and living in a city where rent is on average \$1,600 to \$1,700 a month, it's not a whole lot of money. Just today (Tuesday, Jan. 22), I got word that my healthcare was terminated due to the government can't pay their vendors and the contracting company can't pay for my group health insurance," he said.

They're required to file for unemployment benefits every week, and they have to pay close attention or the request will be denied, and they have to wait another week. Leyder is looking for other opportunities, but since a large majority in D.C. is unemployed and looking for jobs, it's "a bit competitive."

"In 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 hit 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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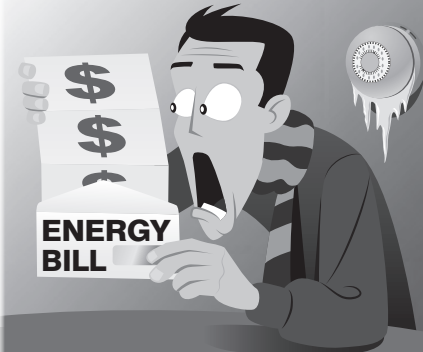
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Sharon Stone



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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 pre-med 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.

When 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.

WHAT YOU MISSED IN THE MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following are stories you may have missed in the **Wednesday, Jan. 23, Midweek Times**. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

Linden man charged with criminal sexual conduct

Livingston County Sheriff's Office investigates 18-year-old woman's allegations.

USPS mail price increase begins Sunday, Jan. 27

'Forever' stamps going from 50 to 55 cents, plus package mailings will hike in price.

'Onesie pub crawl' nets \$7,000 for local charities

Second annual event draws 500 participants benefitting children.



Squeezing snake could prevent a seizure

Support animals could be horses, birds, pigs and more.

Peanut butter burger takes top prize

The 'Nutty Nettle' is latest of community-themed foods at area restaurants.

Our Future

Meet Dakota Beeler, 18, a senior at Holly High School.

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

FENTON POLICE WARN OF NEW 'MICROSOFT' SCAM

In addition to the IRS scams that frequent us, one recently circulating is a call from "Microsoft" saying they owe you money from a recent purchase because they are going out of business, according to the Fenton Police Department. They then give you a number to call to claim such riches. There are reports the scammers called the police department. People claiming to be the IRS have called people threatening to send a local police officer to immediately arrest police. Do not ever give someone over the phone your banking information, credit card numbers or any personal identifiers. Also, the real IRS can't be paid in VISA, Apple, Amazon or other gift cards as the scammers claim.

View stories at
myfenton.com





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

'Suite Dreams' aims for a good night sleep for local veteran couple

■ Two businesses team up to provide bedroom makeover

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 at the NATO Military Airlift Command, and then on the U.S.S. Eisenhower.

Mary's outgoing demeanor and her pride in her 10-year experience as a naval electrician's mate made her a perfect complement to Dale's military experience. She spent six years as a floating crane operator in Holy Locke, Scotland and then as a Boatswain's Mate on the U.S.S. Eisenhower.

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 (Wingemire) Raupp at Wingemire 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."

"It's kind of like having HGTV here, only better. It's a dream bedroom for us."

Dale Lage
Retired from the U.S. Navy

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■■ **CAN SOMEONE PLEASE** explain why North Oak Street has a salt truck come down our street, and directly behind is a plow truck? It's 6:50 p.m., and it's happened twice. Throw salt down and scrape it up?

■■■■ **BETWEEN 1979 AND 2015** the income of the top 1 percent increased on average 400 percent with most going to the top 1 percent. Theories abound but many scholars feel that oligarchs arise as a result of capitalism out of control. Socialism follows.

■■■■ **THE REASON MILLENNIALS** are so messed up is because every evening we had to listen to our stressed out parents come home from work and argue about the division of household chores and whose turn it was to make dinner.

■■■■ **THE ROUNDABOUT AT M-5** and Pontiac Trail is a nightmare during the morning commute. It's not uncommon for traffic to be so backed up heading east that it takes over 10 minutes just to be able to enter. Give me a normal intersection with a traffic light, Thank you.

■■■■ **TRUMP IS UNLIKELY** to mention, however, climate change, which is the true national emergency.

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Our Town

Punxsutawney Phil

- Groundhog Day celebrity
- Amateur meteorologist
- Jet setter

By Vera Hogan

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 with his annual predictions on the second of February of each year. Just



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, Buckeye 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

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LOOKING BACK at this week in HISTORY

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

JAN. 27

1967: A launch pad fire during Apollo program tests at Cape Canaveral, Florida, kills astronauts Virgil "Gus" Grisom, 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 of the fire. 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 U.S. civilian to travel into space. McAuliffe, a 37-year-old high school social studies teacher from New Hampshire, won a competition that earned her a place among the seven-member crew of the Challenger. Seventy-three seconds after lift off, hundreds on the ground, including McAuliffe's family, stared in disbelief as the shuttle broke up in a forking plume of smoke and fire. Millions more watched the wrenching tragedy unfold on live television. There were no survivors.

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 Matthewson 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 Law-

rence, an unemployed house painter, approached Jackson as he left a congressional funeral held in the House chamber of the Capitol building and shot at him, but his gun misfired. A furious 67-year-old Jackson confronted his attacker, clubbing Lawrence several 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 unharmed but angry and, as it turned out, paranoid.

JAN. 31

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. 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 27, 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

1887: Groundhog Day, featuring 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.

Source: history.com

HOUSING

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economy is flat."

Ken Brant of Brant & Associates in Fenton said, "I think our area is still going to be very strong."

Inventory

Buyers and sellers can still expect a shortage of inventory, but the supply crunch is expected to ease slightly in 2019, especially with the increase in new home construction.

"There are still inventory shortages, but not as bad as the last three to four years," Brant said.

Ray said that many first-time homebuyers from five years ago are looking to move up, so watch for homes in the affordable price range to come on the market. However, if you're sitting on a home priced under \$200,000, you'll still find bidding wars and multiple offers, many over the asking price.

"The under \$200,000 houses are 'flying off the shelves,'" Tremaine said. "Baby boomers are still gobbling up the under \$300,000 properties." He notes that many sellers take their homes off the market until spring, tightening the inventory until March or April.

Welty anticipates strong demand for any affordable listing in Fenton under \$150,000. "It will be a catfight," he said.

"More expensive homes are a different story. The affordable end is still very competitive; they're a necessity for

people experiencing job transfers, getting married or other life events. The purchase of a high-end more luxury home is not out of necessity."

Home values

Housing values are expected to increase this year, but at a very slow pace. Nationally, there might be a modest price growth between 2 and 3 percent, according to the National Association of Realtors.

Locally, Welty said that prices are up modestly, and, "In the last 90 days, it's been relatively stable year over year. We're stabilized."

"Prices are at where they are at. They've maxed out for us in this area," Brant said.

Interest rates

Nationally, mortgage rates are expected to hit 5.5 percent by the end of 2019, according to a recent story in USA Today.

"They're forecasted to go up, but that can change in an instant," Ray said.

Today's rates of 4.625 for a 30-year fixed rate and 4.25 for an FHA (Federal Housing Authority) loan are down from a high of 5 percent in October.

"Mortgage rates aren't rising right now," Welty said. "They've been declining the last few months. People misinterpret the news they hear about the Federal Reserve. Stock market news and mortgage rates are two different things."

Whatever happens in the market this year, there is one certainty: "You can still own a home cheaper than renting," Ray said.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE PRESIDENT SHOULD reopen the federal government and agree to border security and immigration reform that does not include any money for barriers.

WHY WOULD ANYONE want to hear the State of our Union from someone who's proudly shut it down? Then lies about it.

WIELDING CONTROL OF the House and a new set of investigative powers, Democrats are preparing to bring Education Secretary Betsy DeVos under the sharpest scrutiny she has seen since taking office.

ATTORNEY GENERAL DANA Nessel is withdrawing Michigan from four federal lawsuits challenging Environmental Protection Agency rules, overturning actions taken by her predecessor, Bill Schuette.

THERE ARE MORE people killed every day in America by drunk drivers than all year long by illegals coming in from our southern border. Where is the

outrage? We just slap a interlock on their car and send them back on the road. It's all about the money.

WHEN ADJUSTED FOR inflation, the state's total education revenue in 2015 was 82 percent of what it was in 1995 — shortly after voters passed a law that lowered property taxes and boosted the state sales tax. This shifted the power to fund schools from local communities to the state government.

SECRETARY OF STATE Jocelyn Benson on Tuesday called into question the constitutionality of a Republican-enacted law that makes it harder to put proposals on the Michigan ballot, asking the state's attorney general for an opinion on a major move in the recent lame-duck Legislature.

MARTIN LUTHER KING Jr. Day is as good a time as any to take stock of progress made toward establishing "a reign of freedom and a rule of justice" that King called for in his Dec. 10, 1964, acceptance address for the Nobel Peace Prize.

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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 that anonymously addressing an audience as 'you' limits his comments to one person. I think we all see where the problem lies.

■■■

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 to not 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."

“It protects the township. It protects the department.”

Ryan Volz
 Fenton Township fire chief

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.

Staff 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.

These 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 has 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 on 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."

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GUEST VIEWPOINT

By Scott Roper
Holly Area Schools
superintendent



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, build and prepare it for competition.

This year's FIRST Robotics game, "Destination: Deep Space," is sponsored by Boeing and celebrates the 50th year 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, it 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 Cobo 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, apprenticeships or jobs right after graduation. Team members learn the critical roles teamwork, problem-solving and leadership play in any career, STEM-related or otherwise. Our robotics program is yet another hands-on opportunity for our students to utilize cutting-edge instructional technology that promotes learning outside the classroom.

Hollywood Robotics is just one component of our dedication to STEM learning at Holly Area Schools. New this year, all of our elementary buildings provide STEM instruction. That means going forward, all of our students will have a solid STEM foundation by the time they reach Holly High School.

The continued success of our robotics program is due to the hard work of our students, as well as countless hours of dedication by Holly Area Schools teachers, staff, parents and local businesses that provide materials and related support.

Working together, we will continue to provide this unique, diverse STEM learning activity that equips students with hands-on, real-world experience and in-demand skills for 21st century jobs.

Go Team Hollywood!



Mark Maddock strips and vacuums the floors in the canine area, on Thursday, Jan. 24. Photo: Tim Jagielo

ADOPT-A-PET Continued from Page 3

"The most exciting part the cats will love the most are 'catteries' (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 catteries are quite expensive but something the cats will love for many years to come," Maddock said.

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 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.

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



Ginger checks out the camera from her cage. Photo: Tim Jagielo

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.

MICHIGAN VOTES

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

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

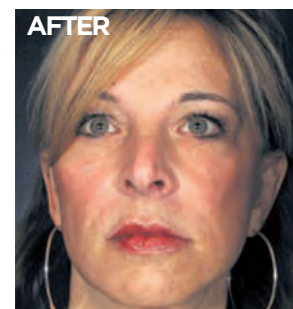
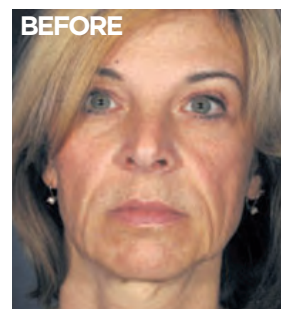
Senate Bill 1: Assert intention to lower auto insurance rates

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 Wojno (D), to require the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association to return \$1.2 billion from its insurance claims reserve fund to auto insurers, who would return the money to customers on a pro-rated basis. 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.

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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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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: Alteration Destination

Former Dixie Cleaners seamstress opens storefront in Fenton

By Sally Rummel

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in the city are still below the fiscal year 2009 numbers. Our property tax revenue is still approximately \$800,000 per year less than 2009. Our revenue has not recovered from the recession."

"In addition to property tax revenue being down, the state of Michigan has withheld the full revenue sharing amount for several years," Markland said. "The cumulative amount is over \$4.5 million."

According to SaveMICity (savemicity.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 underfunded, Michigan's entire economy suffers.

"There are two parts of revenue sharing — constitutional and statutory," Markland said. "The constitutional part is required by the state constitution. The other part was created by the legislature in agreement with local government many years ago when they decided to eliminate some taxes for businesses that the revenue was shared with local government and the legislature promised to make it up with "statutory" revenue sharing that they would appropriate annually. "Additionally, the state of Michigan would act as a clearinghouse and redistribute revenue back to local units of government," he said. "State Revenue Sharing is not a charitable act by the state. It is guaranteed by the state constitution as a critical funding source for local government. The taxes that were eliminated by the state unilaterally reduced revenue sharing for local government and the promise to make it up with statutory revenue sharing has been broken. As a result many municipalities have started by asking for Headlee over-

rides to millages and special millages for specific services.

"Over the years, the state reduced the statutory revenue sharing and used the funds to spend in its own budget. So, the reason for the loss is that the legislature decided to spend the money themselves rather than send it back to local government as past state legislators had promised," Markland said.

The state budget continued to grow as local government budgets began to shrink. This has now been a trend for almost two decades.

"The city of Fenton received \$338,000 in statutory revenue sharing in 1997 and this year we will receive approximately \$39,000," Markland said.

In a MML article by Anthony Minghine, associate director, the state has managed to pinch

billions in revenue sharing from local government over the last several years.

Statutory revenue sharing has been taken by the state to solve its budget issues, according to Minghine. Revenue sharing is paid from sales tax revenues, which have been a stable source of income, and have in recent years experienced significant growth.

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," Minghine said. "This would be like me taking your money to pay my bills, and then telling you that you need to be more responsible with your household budget. In fairness, the state did experience revenue declines out of its control, much like locals experienced with property tax declines. However, local communities couldn't take money from others and push those tough decisions down to someone else.

"Local government officials have done, and will continue to do, their part to be prudent managers, but the goal cannot be to hang on and survive," Minghine said. "Our goal must be to ensure that our cities are vibrant places that people will choose to live in, and that can only happen if the state fulfills its promise and responsibility to invest where the rubber meets the road, and that is at the local level."

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Lynn Markland
Fenton City manager

HOT LINE CONTINUED

NO STATE HAS squeezed school spending more in recent decades than Michigan, education researchers said Wednesday in a study that attributes the tightening to tax cuts and notes a corresponding drop in student achievement.

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“As small as (the market) is, there’s a big variety for people. ... It’s just a lively place to be.”
Chloe Plamondon
Flint Farmers Market patron

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.”

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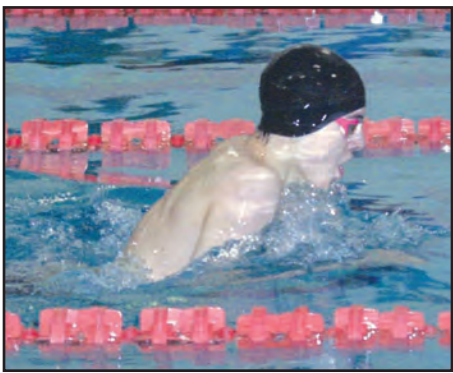
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Logan Molzahn won the 100 breaststroke against Avondale, Tuesday.

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Molzhan qualifies for state, leading Holly swim team

By David Troppens

Holly — Logan Molzahn has always made swimming a year-long priority during his athletic career.

That changed a little last summer. Why? He had his reasons.

“I was doing flight training to get my private pilot’s license,” Molzahn said. “I wanted to take a break because I normally swim year round.”

Some thought that may hurt his chances of qualifying for the state meet, at least qualifying early this season. But, apparently it had no impact.

Molzahn recently qualified for the state meet at the county meet in the 100 backstroke with a time of 57.57 seconds at the event. He made the state-qualifying time by .02 seconds.

“It meant a lot to me because I usually get in shape and stuff before the start of the season, but I didn’t do that this year. I wasn’t in shape at all,” Molzahn said. “So to get that cut wasn’t that surprising to me, but my parents didn’t expect me to get it this early. I was pretty confident I was going to get it (at the county meet race).”

“He’s just an amazing asset to the team,” Holly varsity boys swim coach Kurtis Knight said. “He always performs great and helps out the younger kids which helps build the program. I was definitely a little nervous because he wasn’t getting as much pool time as we would like, but he came through.”

The entire Holly swim team came through on Tuesday in a dual meet against Avondale. Holly defeated Avondale 103-42.

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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 quality depth to win games most of the season. Tuesday night was no exception. Korryn 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 dribbles with the ball in a recent contest.

Photo: Mark Bolen

Eagles move three games up on Metro

By David Troppens

Swartz Creek — Anyone who talks to Linden varsity boys basketball coach Chris Root about his team won’t hear him say much about the Eagles’ record.

He won’t immediately talk about their talent on the basketball court either.

What he’ll talk about is the quality of the kids themselves.

And while talent certainly helps, maybe strong character is why the Ea-

gles are three games ahead of the rest of the field in the Flint Metro League race.

The Eagles moved to three games ahead of the field by earning an impressive 68-53 road victory against the Swartz Creek Dragons on Tuesday.

The Dragons (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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Sports Times

Tigers compete in another nailbiter game

■DeGayner’s trey sparks 49-46 victory

By David Troppens

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 nice bench play.”

The Tigers led 14-11 after one quarter, and built themselves a solid lead during the second quarter, taking a 29-19 lead into the half. However, Brandon kept chipping away. The Blackhawks scored 17 points in the third quarter and had Fenton’s lead down to 42-36 entering the final period. Brandon went on a 10-3 run to start the fourth quarter, taking the one-point lead late. Noah Jackson hit the trey giving Brandon the lead. However, then came DeGayner’s shot, and then a converted free throw by Parker Brady after he earned a rebound with six seconds remaining. Brandon had a desperation three to tie it, but failed to do so.

Logan liked what he saw out of his players on Tuesday.

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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.

Photo: Mark Bolen

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.

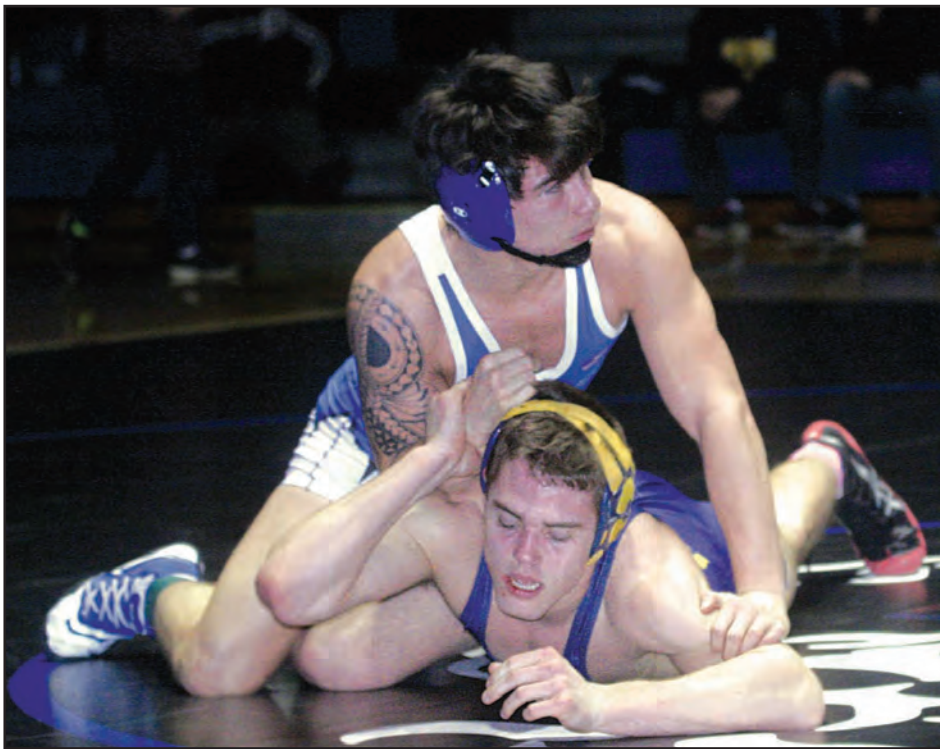
Coincidentally, the Trojans also scored 31 points in the first confrontation between the two teams. Holly beat Owosso 56-31 at home on Dec. 11.

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 13 points. Payton Price also made double-digits with 11 points.

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

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.

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Bronchos play complete game, defeat Owosso

By David Troppens

It may have been cold and icy Tuesday night, but the Holly varsity boys basketball team was heating up "The Horseshoe" while the weather was freezing the roads.

The Bronchos played one of their best games on both sides of the floor, defeating Owosso 62-36 at Holly High School.

The Bronchos scored at least 12 points in every quarter and held Owosso to just single-digits in three of the quarters en route to the win.

The Bronchos started hot from the start, using five different scorers in the opening quarter, earning an 18-9 lead after eight minutes. The Bronchos remained a balanced squad the rest of the game. Four more players scored in the second quarter as the Bronchos took a 30-22 lead into halftime. No Holly player had more than Gavin Amborse's nine at halftime, but six had scored. Hunter Jackson had eight at the break while Ben Gramer netted five.

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Fenton wrestlers sweep league dual meet

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity wrestling team captured a couple of key victories in Metro League action, Thursday.

The Tigers edged Kearsley 42-33 and then beat Owosso by a tighter 41-36 margin.

The wins keep Fenton just one loss behind Holly in the Metro League dual

standings. Fenton, Linden and Holly will compete in a three-team dual meet Wednesday at Linden High School.

The Tigers won a bunch of tight matches, earning them the team victories. Kendra Ryan (103) won a 7-5 decision against Owosso Isaac Croney (119) had a 6-4 decision against Kearsley.

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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.



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.

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

Lady Eagles struggle in first quarter vs. Creek

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

The Eagles were outscored 17-4 in the first quarter, helping set up Swartz Creek's 58-35 Metro League victory.

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Athlete Of The Week



REICHEN LUND
Boys
Basketball

LINDEN



NICK HALL
Boys
Bowling

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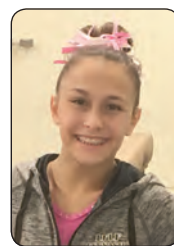
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Girls
Basketball

LAKE FENTON



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Girls
Bowling

LINDEN



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Gymnastics

LINDEN



SEAN TROMBLEY
Wrestling

LAKE FENTON

PREP REPORT

BOYS BASKETBALL

► **Linden JV 69, Owosso 54:** All 11 Eagles earned ample playing time as the Eagles cruised to the win. Gavin Wildeman had 21 points while Lance Barkholz netted 20 points. Shane Eberhard, D.J. Robins and Aiden Miller contributed six

points each.

► **Linden JV 61, Swartz Creek 49:** The Eagles won their fifth consecutive contest with the victory. Shane Eberhard and Gavin Wildeman each netted 17 points while Lance Barkholz collected 16 points. Aiden Miller had 11 points.

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Take a drive to the Pro Football Hall of Fame

■ 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 suc-

cessful 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

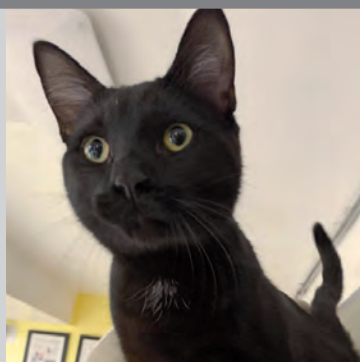
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Some things are not for me

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 hunk of wet sand 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 more sick. Also, if I had a stuffy nose, she would make me hang my head over a wash bowl of steaming hot chamomile tea with a towel over my head. My little sister got chocolate pudding. Uh huh!

TV sports, of any kind. There is nothing (except a lot of cash maybe) that could force me to sit in front of the television and watch any sport, especially golf. Watching golf on TV is akin to watching grass grow, or paint dry.

College football. What are these TV people thinking. The world is blowing up all around us and our only choices

for television viewing most Saturdays, ALL DAY, are college football games. What the heck?

Folding laundry. I will do anything to avoid folding laundry. I wash my clothes and throw them in the dryer. But I would rather clean a kitchen with dishes and pots and pans piled a mile high than fold laundry.

Brad Pitt. For some reason, this actor has always bugged me and I don't really know why. I haven't seen many of his movies, but I do know he played that nasty cowboy in "Thelma and Louise." Every woman I know says "He's so cute," or "He's so sexy." People Magazine unbelievably named him sexiest man of the year, not once, but twice. How can that be when you have men like Sam Elliott living on this planet?

Thick mac and cheese in restaurants. I know everyone loves it, even craves it, but mac and cheese made with two or more kinds of cheese are gloppy and not creamy enough, and it's usually cold by the time you get through it. Believe it or not, I love the cheap (under a dollar) mac and cheese from a box with the little tube noodles made with some milk, butter and powdered cheddar cheese. I could slurp that up right out of the bowl. *Duhlishus!*

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 me some blood.

Just sayin'!

Opinions offered in 'Just Sayin'' are the author's alone and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Tri-County Times or its staff. Email Vera at vhogan@tctimes.com.



VERA HOGAN

HALL OF FAME

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Perhaps the most emotional stop will be the Hall of Fame (HOF) Gallery that houses the bronze bust 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 mementos 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.

MICHIGAN VOTES

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released 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 13: Exempt certain pension income from state income tax

Introduced by Sen. Paul Wojno (D), to repeal the age-based limitations and restrictions on income tax deductions for retirement and pension benefits that were enacted as part of a 2011 tax reform and business tax cut. This would mostly affect retired public employees. A similar or identical proposal is contained in House Bill 4006 and Senate Bill 17.

Senate Bill 14: Establish PFAs water standard

Introduced by Sen. Winnie Brinks (D), to establish a limit in public drinking water supplies of 5 parts per billion of the chemicals called PFAs.

Senate Bill 16: Add "claw back" provisions to future state subsidies to corporations and developers

Introduced by Sen. Jim Ananich (D), to add "claw back" provisions to selective subsidy deals that state officials give to particular corporations and developers, which in theory (such efforts usually end up in court) permits the state to reclaim money it has given to firms that later leave the state. The bill would only apply prospectively, so companies that already have been granted several billion dollars in taxpayer subsidies in agreements lasting as long as 20 years would not be affected.

Senate Bill 24: Authorize prison for "porch pirates"

Introduced by Sen. Jim Runestad (R), to authorize up to five years in prison and a \$25,000 fine for stealing mail or packages left in or near a person's mailbox. The penalties would double and then triple for second and subsequent offenses.

House Bill 4001: Require conviction for property forfeiture

Introduced by Rep. Jason Wentworth (R), to establish that property seized from a person because it may be associated with a suspected drug-related crime is not subject to "civil asset forfeiture" unless the individual is actually convicted or accepts a plea bargain. This would not apply to police seizures of property worth \$50,000 or more. Under current law, property may be forfeited even if an individual is never arrested or prosecuted.

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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.

IF YOU GO:

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 DON'T GO:

If you stay home, go to a party or local watering hole on Super Bowl Sunday, you'll most likely

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eat 2,400 calories each just during game time. Get ready America, things are about to get heavy.



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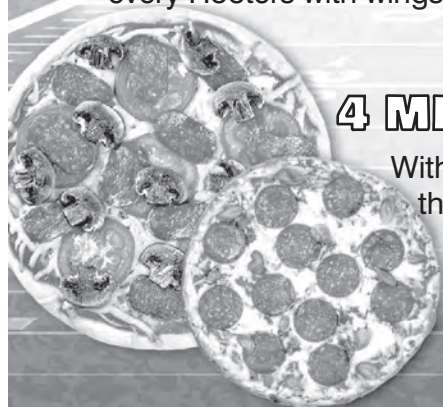
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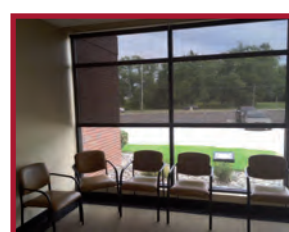
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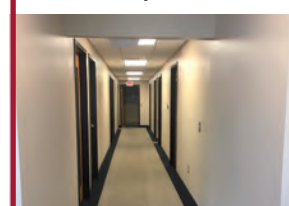
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

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, MI 48430. The ordinances are also available on Fenton Township's website at www.fentontownship.org.

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6 To another country	125 Berlin-to-Prague dir.
12 Buster Brown's dog	126 "— girl!" ("All right!")
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19 University of Maine's city	128 Pastoral verse
20 News anchor Katie	129 Disk at the end of a spur
21 Arduous task	2 "Three Sisters" sister
22 Not be idle	3 61-Down producer
23 Discoverer of Uranus ... and "The Office" co-star	4 Open, as a shutter
26 Spoil	5 Luau paste
27 "Orinoco Flow" singer	6 Peaks
28 Sea, to Luc	7 Nobelist
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31 PCs on planes, often	10 "— for Alibi"
33 Long-range German gun of WWI ... and "Apollo 13" Oscar nominee	11 1983 Mr. T comedy
37 Letter #3	12 "— is human ..."
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PUBLIC NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS JANUARY 21, 2019

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.

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.

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

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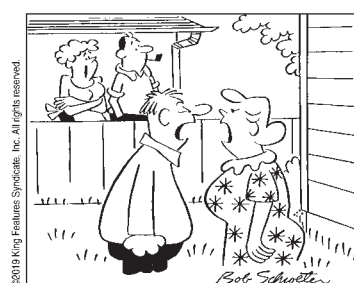
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Obituaries

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Maretta F. Campbell

Maretta F. Campbell - age 89, died January 18, 2019. www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.


Dennis Lockwood

Dennis Lockwood - age 68, died January 18, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Dr. Nallapu Reddy

Dr. Nallapu Reddy - age 79, died January 17, 2019. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Marion MacDonald

Marion MacDonald - age 81, died January 19, 2019. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Nancy Bowen

Nancy Bowen - age 78, died January 19, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Rachel Bacik

Rachel Bacik - age 95, died January 16, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Ronald McLaurine

Ronald McLaurine - age 51, died January 16, 2019. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Kathryn Walter

Kathryn Walter - age 93, died January 20, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Linda Pavlica

Linda Pavlica - age 55, died January 20, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


David Biggs

David Biggs - age 90, died January 19, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Robert Grimes

Robert Grimes - age 75, died January 20, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Buddy Lee Tubbs

Buddy Lee Tubbs - age 68, died January 19, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Deborah S. Larr
1956-2019

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 Dryer 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 Jason (Amanda) Larr; six grandchildren, Tyler, Mariah, Ivan, Katrina, Jason David, and Avery; brother, Timothy Koop; sisters, Theresa (Gordie) Rigolout, Donna Baker, and Kellie Lynn Koop. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Lynwood Koop, Jr. Memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice.

www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

Carol Cole

Carol Cole - age 81, died January 22, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


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 (Sting) 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.


Theodore "Ted" Nelson

Theodore "Ted" Nelson - age 98, died January 21, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Alma Lawrence

Alma Lawrence - age 86, died January 23, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Frank Maestaz

Frank Maestaz - age 82, died January 23, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Stephen Edward Bourdeau

1974-2019

Stephen Edward Bourdeau - age 44, of Westland, died Sunday, January 20, 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 Car Rental in 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 and Debra Bourdeau (Brady Lennon) of Holly; nephews, Brandon (Ashley), Brett (Cody), Brayden; great-nephews, Micah, Hudson, and Barrett. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Mary Copeny

Mary Copeny - age 98, died January 19, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Terry Perkins

Terry Perkins - age 77, died January 24, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Ronald Irvin "Ron" Harris

1956-2018

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 3 PM Friday, February 1, 2019. Ron was born February 15, 1956, in Manistique, 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 Harris; children, Ronald II "Ronnie" (Nikki) Harris of Detroit, Rachael Harris of Flushing, Stevi Atkins (Stacie Grandstaff) of Flint, and Christopher Ford of Flint; grandchildren, Madison, Cameron, Brody, Brennan, and Brady; brothers, Ray 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 (Affeldt) Harris and Elizabeth "Betsy" Clark and grandson, Burke. Tributes may be posted at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Joan Zsigo

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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 grow accustomed to your hand in the cage. Eventually, after you and the bird are comfortable with each other, allow it to sit on your finger or shoulder. According to Rob Marshall, an Australian avian veterinarian, as a bird comes to trust, he or she will also allow touch from the

top of his head to the back of the neck. Repeated handling can build up an attachment.

According to the experts at VCA Hospitals, do not overdo your avian acclimation or training when the bird is first brought home. He or she may need to settle in to its new home. Everything is new, and new sights, sounds and smells can be stressful. Once the bird has acclimated, aim for taming sessions between 15 and 20 minutes per day. Also, allow the bird to have some alone time to entertain itself; otherwise, you may end up with an overly attached bird.

Birds can bite, and when they do, it is important to remain calm. Keeping fingers together and curled inward can make them harder to grab. A short, downward shift of the hand if the bird is sitting on it and a firm verbal “no” may prevent 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 may help the bird be more dependent on you and more trusting of your handling.



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CHEESY ROTISSERIE

chicken ENCHILADA SKILLET

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil
- ½ onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- ¾ teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 (16-ounce) jar enchilada sauce
- ¼ cup sour cream, plus more for serving
- 4 corn tortillas, torn into quarters
- 1 (2½-pound) rotisserie chicken, skin and bones removed, meat shredded (about 4 cups shredded chicken)
- 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 (about ¾ cup)
- jalapeño peppers and chopped fresh cilantro, for serving (optional)



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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, and salt and cook, stirring, until the onion has softened, about 5 minutes.
4. Transfer the onion mixture to a large bowl; set aside the hot skillet.
5. Add the enchilada sauce, sour cream, and ¼ cup water to the onion mixture and stir to combine.
6. Fold in the tortillas, chicken, and beans until thoroughly coated.
7. Spoon the mixture into the reserved skillet and cook over medium heat until warmed through, about 3 minutes. Sprinkle the cheese all over the top and bake until the cheese is melted and bubbling, about 5 minutes.
8. 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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