

Super Bowl LIII features two teams with different levels of experience. The New England Patriots (left) will be playing in their third straight Super Bowl, while the Rams are playing in their first since 2002.

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Are you ready for some football? Big game kicks off at 6:30 p.m.

■ Here is some trivia you may find interesting about Super Bowl LIII

By David Troppens

There are some sport days that have become “unofficial national holidays” in America.

Opening day of the Major League Baseball season used to

be the biggie, but for a couple of decades one has surpassed it. Of course, that’s the Super Bowl.

Some people have argued the Monday after the Super Bowl
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Snow Day fun hits a new note

■ Local school districts make cancellations fun

By Sally Rummel

Forget sleeping in ‘til noon and then lounging around all day with your eyes glued to your smart-phone.

Your educators had other plans for you during your four snow days this past week.

It all started on Monday night when Swartz Creek Community Schools Superintendent Ben Mainka and high school Principal Jim Kitchen took their district announcement of a snow day Tuesday, Jan. 29 to a new level.

Rather than announcing the snow day just on their district website or via text, they took their message to where their students are — on YouTube, launching into a modified rendition

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See you later, alligator (at the library)



Mike Roberts of Animal Adventure Shows of Holly holds “Chubby,” a North American alligator at the conclusion of his exotic animals show Saturday, Jan. 26. Guests were allowed to pet the docile reptile. Roberts held this show at the Fenton Jack R. Winegarden Library in the morning and then headed out for another show at the Linden Library. Libraries are much more than just books and movies.

See story on page 3. Photo: Tim Jagielo

Voters will decide funding for trailway system

■ Millage to be on ballot in May; project to cost \$14 million

By Hannah Ball

Trailway organizers are taking a different approach to raise funds for a non-motorized pathway system in the tri-county area. In May, voters will decide if they want a non-motorized trail system by way of a millage.

The ballot question would ask voters to amend the Southern Lakes Park and Recreation (SLPR) charter

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Southern Lakes Pathway Initiative outlined where the non-motorized pathway would be on Owen Road. Submitted to the Times

Oakwood Cemetery rates could increase

■ Fenton officials to vote on first rate increase in over 10 years

By Vera Hogan

It could cost more to open and close graves at Fenton’s Oakwood Cemetery if officials decide to proceed with a vote to increase rates at an upcoming meeting.

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“Atlanta’s sparkling new Mercedes-Benz stadium reminds us of something less thrilling. The \$1 billion or so that politicians give away in unnecessary public hand-outs to professional sports every year.”



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“Your claim that more Americans are killed by drunk drivers than by illegal immigrants is unfounded. No agency or institution tracks the numbers of Americans killed by illegals on a national scale as is done for drunk driving deaths. Cite your source.”



**COMMENT
OF THE WEEK**

“My truck is equipped with a millennial anti-theft device. It’s called a 5-speed manual transmission.”



What can you get with a library card?

■ Special events, e-books, crafts, research, music and a cure for the winter freeze

By Tim Jagielo

Fenton — The audience gasped as Mike Roberts of Animal Adventure Shows brought out Sweet Pea, the colorful macaw that clung to him, and dutifully displayed her colorful wings when prompted.

This exotic bird was the most dramatic creature he displayed to the group Saturday, Jan. 26 at the Fenton Jack R. Winegarden Library.

Roberts taught the guests about his animals — a red-eared slider, North American alligator and macaw, but also a little bit about what having a library card has to offer.

The audience of about 40 was nestled between DVD cabinets and rows of books, and behind them, patrons used the computer workstations.

This hour-long event neatly illustrates the role that libraries play today — to entertain, provide resources and to inform.

They've adapted to the times, offering music, movies and books in digital format which can be checked out on your e-reader like a Kindle or Nook.

Both Fenton and Linden libraries



Marcia Souvie leads "Story Time with Miss Marcia" at the Linden Library on Tuesday, Jan. 29. Souvie travels to the different branches of the Genesee District Library system to tell stories, interact with the children and teach them songs. "It's so fun," she said. **Photo: Tim Jagielo**

are part of the Genesee District Library (GDL) system, which includes 17 locations. The Holly Township Library is independent, but all three offer a variety of events each week.

On Tuesday, Jan. 29, the Linden Library hosted "Story Time with Miss Marcia," an energetic interactive reading time that includes many physical activities. While she taught the children a song, library patrons explored the racks of DVDs.

Andra Gorski of Fenton attended both events with her young children

"The library is one of the main gathering places for families in downtown Fenton and it provides the residents with a sense of community," she said.

Her daughter was amazed by the rain forest animal show. She said seeing the animals in person has a powerful effect on the kids, "considering they would typically only encounter exotic animals through pictures in a book."

Gorski said her family uses the library the most for the free children's events, and borrowing books and media. They also utilize the science kits, Lego, Play-Doh boxes and computers.

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Independent book stores 'thriving'

■ Sales for physical books see increase while e-books sales decrease

By Hannah Ball

The book publishing industry experienced a slight shift in 2018.

Print book sales are rising, and independent bookstores are doing better compared to past years. The shift is that after years of rising numbers, e-book sales are stagnant in favor of physical books. Some news outlets suggest print books could be becoming more popular.

Karen Piacentini, owner of Fenton's Open Book, said, "Book sales are up compared to e-book sales because people still like that book in their hand."

By November 2018, e-book sales slipped 3.9 percent last year, according to the Association of American Publishers. Hardback and paperback book sales grew 6.2 percent and 2.2 percent respectively. During the first nine months of 2018, hardback and paperback sales were at \$4 billion combined, while e-book sales were at \$770.9 million.

Fenton's Open Book, and other independent bookstores, don't only sell physical books. They also sell audio books through Libro.fm, which often has better prices than Amazon,

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"I'm always trying to do better at the bookstore and all indies are doing that too."

Karen Piacentini
Fenton's Open Book owner

Guests react to the Animal Adventure Shows program Saturday, Jan. 26.

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Come *Heller* high water...

• OK, maybe a decade ago it was marginally clever during a bad winter storm to say, "Gee, I guess they called off that global warming thing!" Today, it's not funny. Regardless of your political beliefs, global warming/climate change is real, and it doesn't mean the death of winter. It means more and more extreme weather, which is exactly what we got this week.

• This week's winter storm has a name. Did you know that? It's called Winter Storm Jayden. Did I miss a memo or something? I thought we just named hurricanes. Now every storm of any magnitude seems to have a name. I guess I'm old school. The biggest winter storm of my lifetime was the blizzard of '78. And that's what we called it. Not



Andrew Heller
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creative but it got the job done. I'm glad we didn't use popular first names on winter storms back then or I'd have spent my whole life boring people with stories about Winter Storm Jennifer (the most popular female name in 1978). And it's only a matter of time before we get a Hurricane Dakota. Somehow a Hurricane named Dakota doesn't sound dangerous, you know? If we're going to name all storms, I'd prefer something descriptive like Fairly Intense Sprinkle Caitlin or Snowmageddon: We're All Going to Die 2019.

• One last weather note. My winter gloves had holes so I went to a department store to buy new ones. After wandering around for 10 minutes, I finally found a few pairs at the back of the store on part of a rack hidden near the men's socks. What was easy to find (not that I was looking): summer shorts, swimsuits and sandals. This is a new record for season-jumping by stores, I think. Please stop it.

• The lovely yet formidable Marcia was watching "The Bachelor" the other

night. I said "How is it?" and she said, "Very Bachelory." Which somehow made perfect sense to me. I think we've been living together way too long.

• I read about a new study last week that says Michigan drivers, according to various statistics, are the best in the nation. I haven't stopped laughing since. So British Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli (not Mark Twain) was right when he said: "There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies, and statistics."

• At this point, wouldn't it be quicker if the Democrats who aren't running for president held press conferences?

• Even Howard Something Or Other, the former CEO of Starbucks, is running. Why? His contribution to society is stupidly expensive coffee and calling small drinks tall, which is just so irritating I can't stand it. I'm one of those annoying people who refuses to order by tall, grande and venti. Usually the counter person (I also refuse to use the term barrista — yes, I'm one of those customers) don't mind, but I have had this conversation: "I'll have a small latte." "Do you mean a tall?" "No, I mean a small." "But a tall is like a small." "I know that. So give me a small." "OK, one tall latte." "I hate you."

• It's cold out so I'm watching more TV. When did game shows make a comeback? And have you noticed that studio audiences for game shows, talk shows and even Saturday Night Live are teeny, tiny these days?

• "In the depth of winter I finally learned that there was in me an invincible summer." — Albert Camu.

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SO, CITY OF Linden offices closed early on Monday because of snowmagedan. So why go in the morning, tell people you are open, only to close early? How far did you have to go, Linden? Roads were already bad, so why leave? Hope you didn't get paid for services not rendered.

MANY AMERICANS ARE barely keeping their heads above water. Four in 10 adults said they couldn't produce \$400 in an emergency without sliding into debt or selling something.

WELL, LOOKS LIKE the U.S. Post Office will have to get a new motto. It's no longer true they cannot be deterred and that they deliver 'through rain, sleet and snow.' Michigan 2019 winter took care of that cliché.

THANK YOU TO the Sears store in Fenton. Home Depot refused to deliver a refrigerator because of branches over our driveway and drive not plowed enough. Sears had the fridge we wanted and the salesman was great. You now have a life-long customer. Thanks, we should have gone locally owned to begin with.

MICHIGAN RANKS IN the bottom tier for growth in math and reading proficiency.

PEOPLE LIVING NEAR the East High Street area. Can you please bring your

cats in at night? I have seen three cats on my front porch recently. It is extremely cold. They will die in these temps. Be responsible or don't own a pet. Dogs, too! If you're cold they are cold.

THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN is over and still no money for the wall, I guess that is the art of the deal.

AGAIN, AND I know this is hard for you to get, the word 'you' can refer to one person. That is what I was doing. I also never said 'teens are the smartest.' Please ask someone to help you learn to read.

DEMOCRATS OPPOSE A border wall for two reasons: 1) walls work and 2) once built, walls can't be unfunded.

NO ONE IS calling for completely open borders. The man who tells you how to think is just saying they are.

TO THE PERSON talking about us with tattoos, you may want to read your Bible. I attended church and have good self esteem, and God washes us of our sins and makes our bodies new again so when I get to where I'm going they will be gone and I won't be judged for them.

A BORDER WALL and border security are not synonymous, despite what the President has enticed many to believe. Border security has never been in question to most. I don't need a monument on the southern border to remind me what it means to be an American — wise, strong and compassionate.

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Compiled by David Troppens, sports editor

Who do you think will win the Super Bowl and why?



"I am picking New England. It is hard to pick against them as long as No. 12 is the QB and Bill Belichick is the coach. Los Angeles has more individual talent as a whole, but New England has the experience."

Jeff Setzke
Fenton varsity football coach



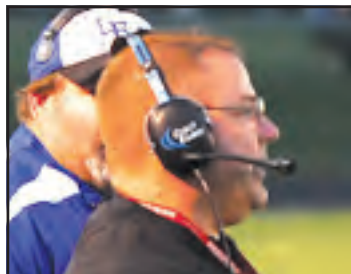
"I'm a New England Patriot fan, so I'm going to go with them because of Tom Brady. I would really like to see (Rams quarterback Jared) Goff have a great game because people say quarterbacks that come out of the air raid offense can't play NFL football."

Denny Hopkins
Linden varsity football coach



"New England. You have to go with the ones that have been there. The new kids have to prove it before they can become champions."

Dallas Lesperance
Holly varsity football coach



"I'm taking the upset. I think the Rams will win. The Rams' front four is very good at disrupting the pocket. I think Brady is one of the all-time greats but he is suspect when the pressure is in his face. Rams win 27-24."

Marty Borski
Lake Fenton varsity football coach



"At former Bridgeport High School, where I worked for 18 years, athlete, Monty Brown, played for Ferris, then the Buffalo Bills and the New England Patriots. I've been partial to those teams since then. Bottom line — the Patriots lost last year. They won't lose two in a row."

Deb VanKuiken
Holly High School athletic director

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■ Your hometown newspaper connects you with your local community

By Sally Rummel

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By Vera Hogan

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New church planned near Linden and Owen roads

■ Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church hopes to serve the Linden-Fenton area

By Hannah Ball

A new church could be coming to a vacant piece of land near the intersection of Linden and Owen roads in Fenton Township.

The Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church bought the property in the summer of 2016. It is at 16214 Linden Rd., just north of Mueller's Orchard, said Pastor Nathan Loersch. The property includes two parcels which a combined acreage of 9.7 acres. The church paid \$100,000 for the two parcels.

The plans go before the Fenton Township Planning Commission Thursday, Feb. 7, when the public can give input.

"We've always been searching for a place for a building that's within the Fenton-Linden community. We saw the land was for sale and it just so happens to work out," Loersch said. "We want to serve the people of the area with peace that you can only get by knowing that Jesus came and took away all your sins, and so your relationship with God is good."

Loersch, who also coaches cross country at Fenton High School, said the plans include a 6,000-square-foot building with a worship space that fits approximately 175 people. The building will be one story with an adjacent parking lot.

The Owen and Linden roads location is a "great area," he said, with a nearby soccer field and housing developments.

When it comes to traffic, the pastor said he knows the area is busy from personal experience, but The Rock is located down Linden Road, and they're a bigger congregation than they are.

He doesn't expect the church to add to traffic for regular business hours.

The Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church is currently located in a building on Runyan Lake Road, which they rent. Prior to that, the congregation was housed in different locations, including a building north of Sagebrush Cantina, another building that's now a Holiday Inn, and the Peabody Insurance building.

The church has met with the Zoning Board of Appeals and they made some minor tweaks to their plans.

Loersch said they are "eager and willing" to answer any questions at the Feb. 7 Planning Commission meeting.

"We've always been searching for a place for a building that's within the Fenton-Linden community."

Nathan Loersch
Shepherd of Lakes Lutheran Church pastor

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Mute swans, Canadian geese roundups may be coming

■ Fenton City Council to vote in support of Lake Fenton Property Owners Association request

By Vera Hogan

Although the Fenton City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, Jan. 28 was cancelled due to inclement winter weather, they are likely to review and take a vote on that night's agenda items at an upcoming meeting.

One of those agenda items is to review and vote on a request by the Lake Fenton Property Owners Association (LFPOA), which wants to make application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) to participate in the Mute Swan Nest and Egg Destruction Program and the Canada Goose Nest Destruction Program.

According to the proposed resolutions, the mute swan population has tendencies to become aggressive toward humans and other animals, especially during the breeding season and when there are cygnets present.

Additionally, mute swans are a non-native species that competes with native species for food and other resources, and their feeding behavior destroys vegetation which provides critical food and cover for a variety of native wildlife species.

The LFPOA wants to control the goose and swan population for the health, safety and welfare of Lake Fenton lakefront residents.

According to the resolutions, any birds relocated during these programs may be killed.

If the Fenton City Council supports the application, the MDNR's Mute Swan Nest and Egg Destruction Program and Canada Goose Destruction Program on Lake Fenton will be for five years, from 2019 through 2023.

There will be no cost to the city for these programs.

According to Fenton's Public Works Director Dan Czarnecki in a memo to City Manager Lynn Markland, the city supported the LFPOA's request in 2017. He said the bird control programs should not have any effect on the goose or swan control programs the city of Fenton may wish to have performed on the millpond.

The programs have done a wonderful job in past years, said Jim Root, president of the LFPOA.

"The MDNR requires Fenton City resolutions to participate in these programs," Root said in a letter to Mayor Sue Osborn and the City Council.



Holly Village has reportedly lost \$3.5 million in state revenue sharing since 2002. Times file photo

How the village lost \$3.5 million

■ State revenue sharing down for Holly Village, and surrounding townships

By Tim Jagielo

According to SaveMICity.com, Holly Village has lost \$3,486,266 in state revenue sharing since 2002.

Village Manager Jerry Walker said this impacts the village general fund operations.

This is due to changes in the way the state doles out tax money to the townships, cities and villages of the state.

The village isn't the only municipality that has lost money — so has the city of Fenton, and most other cities and villages in the state.

According to Bridge Magazine, more than 150 Michigan communities are financially distressed, and revenue sharing is part of the problem.

No local municipalities appeared on the list of financially distressed townships, villages, or cities.

Every municipality needs funds to operate, but the village, unlike the surrounding townships, has its own water plant, public works and police department.

There are two types of revenue sharing — constitutional and statutory. Constitutional is required by the state constitution, and statutory is approved by the Michigan legislature.

According to the Senate Fiscal Agency, there was a 49-percent drop in total revenue sharing between the 2011-2012 and 2016-2017 fiscal years.

Despite this, the village's budget has

been stable for several years. Still, these reductions in funding happened at times when the Village Council was considering laying off police officers, and closed the Holly police dispatch center to opt for the Oakland County Communications Center for 911 calls.

Cities, villages and townships are treated differently in regards to revenue sharing. Both Holly and Rose townships have received modest increases in their constitutional revenue sharing, but no statutory payments since 2005. This cumulative difference has been \$727,364 lost since 2002 for Holly Township, and \$1.1 million for Rose Township.

SaveMICity is an initiative started by the Michigan Municipal League, with the goal of helping communities understand municipal finance at the state level.



YOUR SMILE MATTERS!

By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

SODA POP

We Americans are addicted to sugar. Our Standard American Diet composed of highly processed, meat based, sugar added foods is the root cause of a marked increase in many diseases over the last few decades. Heart disease, diabetes and cancer rates are all on the rise. One of the worst offenders in our diet is soda pop. Sugar-sweetened soda is the single biggest source of added sugars in our diet. In fact, soft drink consumption may account for 50% of America's weight gain since 1970. The recommended daily allowance of sugar is only six teaspoons. One can of soda pop alone can contain ten teaspoons of sugar. Soda pop is not only bad for our bodies but is incredibly bad for our teeth as well. And it's not just soda pop that is the culprit; but also energy drinks, sugar sweetened teas and fruit juices are all equally bad for us and our teeth. I often see patients who present to my office with a mouth full of cavities. To help them I try to get an idea of their eating habits and life-style. When questioned they often times don't claim to eat a lot of sweets. I ask if they drink a lot of pop or some other sweetened drink. The answer is usually that they only drink 1 or 2 a day. I usually find that even though they only drink 1 or 2, they are often sipping on their sweetened drink throughout the course of their entire day. By sipping throughout the day, their mouths are constantly bathed with sugar causing uncontrolled, rampant tooth decay. Someone who sips constantly on pop will rot their teeth faster than I can fix them and will ultimately lose their teeth. My advice to everyone who wants to have a beautiful smile that lasts a life-time is brush and floss every day, see your dentist twice a year for check-up and cleaning and drink plenty of water-NO POP.

I welcome your questions and comments. Feel free to e-mail me drsulfaro@comcast.net

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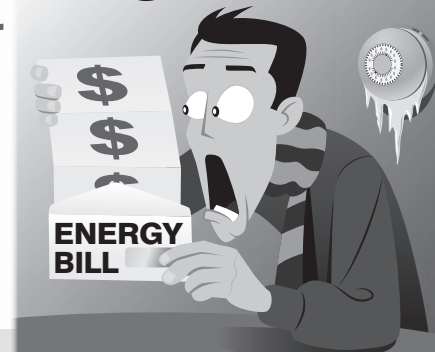


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LOOKING BACK at this week in HISTORY

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

FEB. 3

1959: Rising American rock stars Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson are killed when their chartered plane crashes in Iowa, a few minutes after takeoff from Mason City on a flight headed for Moorehead, Minnesota. Investigators blamed the crash on bad weather and pilot error.

FEB. 4

1972: A force of 824 soldiers, the last of Thailand's 12,000 troops serving in South Vietnam, departs. The Thai contingent, which had first arrived in the country in the fall of 1967, had been part of the Free World Military Forces, an effort by President Lyndon B. Johnson to enlist allies for the United States and South Vietnam. In all, 44 countries

responded to Johnson's plea for military aid to South Vietnam, but only Australia, New Zealand, Korea, and Thailand provided combat troops. In the end, the program never achieved the widespread international support that Johnson sought.

FEB. 5

1994: White supremacist Byron De La Beckwith is convicted in the murder of African-American civil rights leader Medgar Evers, over 30 years after the crime occurred. Evers was gunned down in the driveway of his Jackson, Mississippi, home on June 12, 1963, while his wife, Myrlie, and the couple's three small children were inside.

FEB. 6

1928: A woman calling herself Anastasia Tschaikovsky and claiming to be the youngest daughter of the murdered czar of Russia arrives in New York City. She held a press conference on the liner *Berengaria*, explaining she was here to have her jaw reset. It was broken, she alleged, by a Bolshevik soldier during her narrow escape from the execution of her entire family at Ekaterinburg, Russia, in July 1918. Tschaikovsky was welcomed to New York by Gleb Botkin, the son of

the Romanov family doctor who was executed along with his patients in 1918. Botkin called her "Your Highness" and claimed that she was without a doubt the Grand Duchess Anastasia with whom he had played as a child.

FEB. 7

1964: Pan Am Yankee Clipper flight 101 from London Heathrow lands at New York's Kennedy Airport — and "Beatlemania" arrives. It was the first visit to the United States by the Beatles, a British rock-and-roll quartet that had just scored its first No. 1 U.S. hit six days before with "I Want to Hold Your Hand." At Kennedy, the "Fab Four" — dressed in mod suits and sporting their trademark pudding bowl haircuts, — were greeted by 3,000 screaming fans who caused a near riot when the boys stepped off their plane and onto American soil.

FEB. 8

1924: The first execution by lethal gas in American history is carried out in Carson City, Nevada. The executed man was Tong Lee, a member of a Chinese gang, convicted of murdering a rival gang member. Lethal gas was adopted by Nevada in 1921 as a more humane method of carrying out its death

sentences, as opposed to the traditional techniques of execution by hanging, firing squad, or electrocution.

FEB. 9

1942: The *Normandie*, regarded by many as the most elegant ocean liner ever built, burns and sinks in New York Harbor during its conversion to an Allied trip transport ship. On Feb. 9, 1942, a welder accidentally set fire to a pile of flammable life preservers with his torch, and by early the next morning the ship lay capsized in the harbor, a gutted wreck. It was later towed south to New Jersey and scrapped.

Source: history.com

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BOOK STORES

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Piacentini said. Readers can use the service on their phone and listen to the books in their car using Bluetooth. They also sell e-books, but rarely.

Independent bookstores are seeing better numbers.

The American Booksellers Association (ABA), a non-profit trade organization for indie (independent) book shops, reported that its membership grew in 2018 for the ninth year in a row, according to observer.com. The association's members operate more than 2,400 locations in the U.S.

The number of independent booksellers increased by 35 percent from 2009 to 2015, according to the ABA.

"I think that our sales went up or stayed the same," Piacentini said. "Independent bookstores are thriving. There was a couple hundred bookstores opening last year. Indies are growing every year. If you see a store closing, it's because they lost their lease or they've been open for 30, 40 years and just want to close and couldn't find a buyer."

Not all independent bookstores are part of the ABA, meaning the number opening is most likely more than reported. This past week, Fenton's Open Book was only open a few days because of the cold weather. On Thursday, Piacentini was in the store, despite the negative temperatures, because she had a lot of orders to get out.

"I'm always trying to do better at the bookstore and all indies are doing that too," she said.

While independent bookstores are doing well, popular bookseller Barnes & Noble is closing a few locations in the U.S., and could be preparing to go on the market. This decision comes after bleak sales and a high CEO turnover rate, according to observer.com.

The Fenton area has multiple bookstores, including Fenton's Open Book in downtown Fenton, Liz's Books on North LeRoy Street, and Beloved Books in downtown Linden.

The branches of the Genesee District Library were closed Wednesday, Jan. 30 and Thursday, Jan. 31 because of the cold weather, but are popular options for book lovers.

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The sky's the limit for teen 'weatherman'

■ Lake Fenton High School junior lives up to his nickname by forecasting weather and snow days

By Sally Rummel

Joel Robinson doesn't have to flush ice down the toilet, put a spoon under his pillow or wear his pajamas inside out to make a snow day happen at Lake Fenton High School.

This 16-year-old junior can get a snow day by predicting it himself through weather forecasting and science, with 90-percent accuracy with the seven snow days so far this year. That makes him a more accurate weather predictor than Groundhog Day's Punxsutawney Phil, who's looking for his shadow on Saturday, Feb. 2. "Phil" is only 39 percent accurate in predicting spring.

Joel's nickname is "Weatherman," a role he takes very seriously for his future career goal as a meteorologist.

He's been interested in the weather since he was 7. "I was intrigued by tornado sirens," he said. "That led me to looking up weather stuff." Joel became really passionate about weather by the time he was in seventh grade, when he started predicting snow days.

Joel does his own weather forecasting on JMR Weather-



Joel Robinson (right) of Fenton Township job shadowed Jamie Kagol, NBC-25/Fox 66 chief meteorologist, in Flint on Tuesday, Jan. 29. Photo: Tim Jagiello

"I'm never going to watch the news the same again."

Joel Robinson
Aspiring meteorologist

cast on Facebook and Instagram, where he also live-streams his forecasts. He researches weather patterns through the National Weather Service (NWS), The Weather Channel and other apps, then writes and presents his own forecasts and alerts.

He also uses his own at-home weather station for the most local wind, temperature and

barometric pressure stats. "It's the first thing I look at every morning," Joel said.

Joel is also a trained Skywarn Spotter for the National Weather Service, providing local reports of hail, freezing rain, wind gusts, etc., so NWS can issue warnings of local weather conditions.

His favorite season is spring, the beginning of the active weather season for thunderstorms. "I love thunderstorms," he said. "Tornadoes are kind of cool but frightening."

Joel was recently the beneficiary of a \$1,000 check from a GoFundMe account that was set up by a friend, Zachary Coon. Fellow students, parents, teachers and even Superintendent Julie Williams all helped Joel with the finances needed to set up his own weather studio in the basement of his Fenton Township home.

"That was very emotional for me that my friends would do this," Joel said.

The basement renovation starts Monday and will be completed by late-March, according to Joel's parents, Rand and Leslie Robinson. He has already purchased a camera and tripod for the studio, which will also include an electronic background "green screen," lighting and software.

Joel got one step closer to his professional meteorology career goals when he job shadowed NBC-TV25 Chief Meteorologist Jamie Kagol on Tuesday, Jan. 29, from 3 to 7 p.m. in their Flint studio.

"I watched him build the (weather) graphics and saw the 6 p.m. news live," Joel said. "I'm never going to watch the news the same again." He also got to meet some of the news anchors including Stephanie Parkinson and Joel Feick. "I loved the experience; I was geeking out the whole time," he said.

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WHAT YOU MISSED IN THE MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following are stories you may have missed in the **Wednesday, Jan. 30, Midweek Times**. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

Winter weather strikes back

Snow and sub-zero temps arrive in mid-Michigan, closing schools, government offices, and more.

How to spend \$21.5 million

Security, playgrounds, boilers, kitchen upgrades in first phase of Holly schools bond spending.

Study claims Michigan has best drivers in country

Maine has worst drivers, according to study.

No one seriously hurt in fire

Candle was 'possible' cause of fire at Fenton Oaks on Friday night, Jan. 25.

When your green thumb turns blue

Local gardeners keep busy over winter with plants, watching winter blooms and planning for spring.



Series on local boards and commissions

Fenton Planning Commission featured this week.

Linden DDA sets goals for 2019

Aims to make Linden a business-friendly city.

Our Future

Meet Parker Brady, a 17-year-old senior at Fenton High School.

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'All clear' on temporary natural gas reductions

■ Consumers Energy expresses gratitude for unprecedented assistance after Wednesday fire

Compiled by Sharon Stone

Consumers Energy announced Thursday afternoon, Jan. 31 that its emergency public appeal to conserve natural gas was to end at midnight, for all customers — commercial, industrial and residential.

The situation began with an unusual, universally shared experience at 10:30 p.m., Thursday Jan. 30 for millions of Lower Peninsula residents. Simultaneously, smart-phones blurted out an alert requesting residents to reduce their electricity and gas usage as much as possible.

The request started subtly during the day, with media releases from Consumers Energy. They asked for less utility use during the heavy draws of sub-zero temperatures.

Residents were asked to reduce heat in their homes and businesses to 65 degrees or lower, until Friday at noon. They

were also asked to use less electricity. On Thursday morning, Consumers announced that the reductions were helping, but should continue until the end of the day Friday.

Schools and many government buildings throughout the area were closed and auto manufacturers Ford and GM suspended operations, or reduced natural gas use in several Michigan plants.

"There is no doubt the gas reduction efforts by residents and businesses across the Lower Peninsula played a key role in helping maintain natural gas flow in our distribution system at a time when it was critically needed," said Patti Poppe, Consumers Energy's president and CEO. "Because of the swift action of all, we were able to continue critical services. From the bottom of my heart and on behalf of the men and women of Consumers Energy, we thank you," she said.

Consumers Energy made its public appeal to

conserve Wednesday, following a morning fire that damaged equipment at its Ray Natural Gas Compressor Station in Macomb County. There were no injuries and the cause of the fire remains under

"We're not sure the last time we've made a public request to reduce natural gas use. One former colleague said he believes it was in the early '90s. Either way, it's rare."

Brian Wheeler

Consumers Energy spokesperson

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■ **HATE IT WHEN** Hot-liners disingenuously quote statistics which support their politics or agenda. Trump's approval rating is accurately represented at 43 percent not 36 percent.

■ **WOULD THE PEOPLE** that keep telling us how many babies were aborted in the 45 years since Roe v. Wade please tell us how many abortions were performed in the 45 years before Roe v. Wade? Roe v. Wade made abortions legal therefore safe.

■ **FOR SOME REASON** whenever I hear Ann Coulter's name it reminds me of Sigourney Weaver being called out for her 'boney ass' in the movie 'Working Girl'?

■ **THE ONLY INDIVIDUALS** indicating that Democrats want 'open borders' are the Republican conservatives. Read for yourself the true Democratic position, not what Trump or Faux News says.

■ **THE BIPARTISAN IMMIGRATION** bill Senator Chuck Schumer authored had \$40 billion for border security and would have been far more effective than the wall.

■ **AFTER 35 DAYS**, President Donald Trump announced a deal to reopen the government on exactly the same terms that were available to him more than a month ago.

■ **OUR SOCIETY HAS** been ruined because the cost of living is now so high it requires both parents to be employed full time just to pay for basic necessities. It shouldn't take two exhausted breadwinners to be able to pay the bills for a modest household with older vehicles.

■ **BY ALL MEANS**, destroy more elements of our trust by not releasing 'Mueller's full report.' Enough of mysterious government. Stop treating us like children.

■ **GOVERNOR CUOMO OF** New York celebrated as he signed a new law that allows abortions anytime over 9 months up to the day of delivery. This is pure evil and shows the declining moral foundation of the Democrats. Protecting the helpless with a heartbeat doesn't matter.

■ **IF TRUMP IS** so pro-business, how can he justify the loss of \$11 billion in revenue due to the government shutdown?

investigation.

The fire reduced the amount of natural gas that could be delivered to customers from underground storage located at the compressor station. The site is a combination compression and storage field where Consumers Energy stores natural gas until it is needed by customers.

The damage to compressor equipment at its largest storage and delivery system, coupled with continued historically cold temperatures, prompted the utility company to ask customers to dial back their thermostats and conserve natural gas use in their homes.

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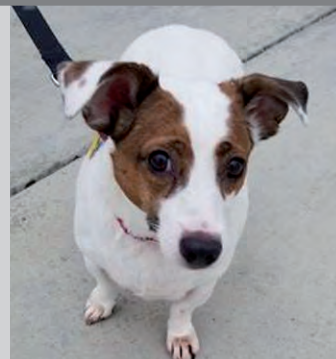
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NEW BUSINESS: Ivory Loft Bridal opens in Fenton

■ Owner Beth Anderson Harvey brings European style, one-of-a-kind wedding gowns to Fenton

By Sally Rummel

Beth Anderson Harvey has always had a passion for beautiful, feminine things.

That's just one of the reasons she opened Ivory Loft Bridal in the former Sweet Variations location in downtown Fenton. She also bought the building, making a true commitment to her hometown of Fenton.

Her goal is to help each bride be "her own kind of beautiful" on her special day. She believes that finding the perfect wedding gown is as much about the experience and memories as it is about the gown itself.

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These collections are designed for the bride who wants to incorporate some of her own style and personality into her wedding day.

She's in love with the gowns made from real lace from France and silks

from Italy, with price points between \$1,500 and \$4,100. "I'm trying to bring something special and unique to Fenton," Anderson Harvey said.

She understands the magic and excitement that surrounds the special occasion of shopping for your wedding dress.

"We encourage appointments, so you have plenty of time to try on five to seven gowns and revisit your favorites at the end," Anderson Harvey said. "When you select your dream gown at Ivory Loft, we'll celebrate with a bottle of champagne."

Anderson Harvey said that brides should begin shopping for their dress eight to 10 months before the wedding and allow five to six months for ordering, alterations, etc. Sample dresses are in sizes 10 to 12, but depending on the designer, can fit brides up to a size 22 or 24.

Hours are Monday and Tuesday by appointment, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Thursday, from 12 to 8 p.m.

She invites people to stop in whenever they're in downtown Fenton. "Please come in," Anderson Harvey said. "Put your hands on the dresses and feel the handcrafted quality."

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"I'm trying to bring something special and unique to Fenton."

Beth Anderson Harvey
Ivory Loft Bridal owner

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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IT WAS ALL abortion? Vasectomy had nothing to do with it? Furthermore, why not count abortions from the beginning of time? Do you really think it all started with Roe v. Wade? Do you really think its abolishment will end abortion?

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RUSSIA'S SOCIAL MEDIA efforts will continue to focus on aggravating social and racial tensions, undermining trust in authorities, and criticizing perceived anti-Russia politicians.

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HOWARD SCHULTZ IS nothing more than a GOP 'coffee boy' sent to draw votes from a Democratic candidate just as Nader did to ensure a Bush win over Gore.

■■■
KEEP YOUR EYES on Fenton and your area. Do not agree to 5G. Research. It's killing birds right out of the sky. You'll be next if allowed.

■■■
OUR DRIVEWAY IS just south of Foley Crossing. Thanks to whoever cleared the snow at the entrance and to our mailbox. At 83, I'm blessed to be able to normally clear it myself. Finding it done today was a real blessing. May our Lord bless you abundantly.

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ANYONE DOING A pub crawl in a onesie has my total admiration for not only generosity but also dexterity.

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HEY AMERICAN PATRIOT. How does the border wall prevent illegal immigrants who are here because they flew in and overstayed their visas?

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THE RIGHT AND their leader are so tied in knots that they've resorted to making up arguments against themselves. The left isn't calling for open borders. Most would be fine with improved border security.

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DOES ANYONE KNOW if Holly is going to opt out on the marijuana law? I pray they will.

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Melissa Healey

- Clinical social worker
- Proponent of worldschooling
- Founder of Ava's Cloth Share Program

By Sally Rummel

Melissa Healey, 28, of Mundy Township, wears a lot of hats in a typical day. She is a full-time clinical social worker for children and teens by day, and the busy mom of Ava, 5, a kindergartener at West Shore Elementary in the Lake Fenton school district by night. A vegetarian, she has been manager of the Grand Blanc Farmers Market and also runs a volunteer cloth diaper program, Ava's Cloth Share, from her home, distributing more than 500 cloth diapers to help families economically and the environment. She and her daughter are world travelers, proponents of education through travel. She graduated from Lake Fenton High School in 2008.

What is worldschooling?

Simply put, it's an approach to life and education that combines learning and travel. I was inspired by my grandparents, especially my late grandpa. When my mom and her sisters were young, they lived in Mexico while her father worked for GM. He always talked about their experiences, foods and lifelong friends they made. My grandparents always traveled. I always felt like I could do this, too. I wanted to make friends in all four corners of the world.

When I studied in Cambodia during college, it was the most eye-opening experience of my life. I was hooked; I knew I had to keep traveling.

You and Ava have gone many places. Where have you been?

I call our trips "adventures" because we try very hard to have authentic cultural experiences. Our first adventure was to Canada when Ava was 3. When she was 4, we visited Puerto Rico; at 4 1/2, we spent three weeks in Colombia, South America. Our next adventures were two trips to Mexico. Our travels have taken us farther and longer as Ava's gotten older.

I hear you just got back from Nepal. Tell me about that.

We just got back from a month-long adventure to the island of Zanzibar, mainland Tanzania and 2 1/2 weeks in Nepal, between China and India. It's the home of Mt. Everest and the Himalayas. Not too many kindergarteners have trekked the Himalayas or slept in a Buddhist monastery.



Melissa Healey and her 5-year-old daughter, Ava, are in front of the statue of Sebastian de Belalcazar, founder of Cali, Colombia in South America. Photo submitted to the Times

Do you plan these travels yourself?

The smaller ones, yes, but the extended ones we've gone through Enlightened Globe Trekker Adventures. We're doing the Seven Continent Challenge. So far, we've been to North

America, South America, Africa and Asia. We're planning our next adventure sailing the Greek Isles, stopping in Paris for four days and Athens for three days. Future travels will likely include the Australia/Oceania continent, Egypt, Kenya,

Thailand and Indonesia. Antarctica will have to wait until Ava is 12.

How do you think Ava benefits from travel?

Ava has grown so much through travel. She's shy and she blossoms more and more. She has beautiful

interactions with people. While traveling, she takes her public schoolwork with her, but her learning is really through experiences.

Each time we plan our next adventure, Ava and I look at a map, read books, go online and watch videos about what we might see. We research native animals, food and work to learn the language, often the hardest part. Ava has learned how to say words and phrases in Spanish, Swahili, and Nepali.

As we travel, she practices number

and letter recognition by looking for our airplane row, seat numbers, and flight gate numbers. While flying, we read books about airplanes to learn how they work. Once we arrive in the country, our learning objectives always include connecting with local people.

Ava has learned about currency through not only dollars but with Colombian and Mexican Pesos, Tanzanian Shillings, and Nepali Rupees. She understands that each of these currencies look different, and have different values.

What about learning to give back to others?

That's part of the worldschooling philosophy. Ava spent every Sunday at the Grand Blanc Farmers Market last summer selling jewelry I made and she raised a significant amount of money.

A family in Bagamoyo, Tanzania needed flip-flops so we were able to distribute 80 pairs to the village as well as contribute to three teachers' salaries in Kaule, Nepal. We also distributed gloves to children in a nearby village.

What is something about you that most people probably don't know?

I have a spreadsheet for every single aspect of my life. Also, I'm an advanced scuba diver. In the summer, I scuba in local lakes. Someday I hope to scuba dive in the Great Barrier Reef in Australia.

Editor's note: Melissa Healey was also featured as a "Look who's talking" when she was a senior at Lake Fenton High School in April 2008. The link will be available with this story on myfenton.com.

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BORDER SECURITY WILL require at least three items. More agents, technology to detect breaches, and a wall or barrier of some kind. Why is this so hard to grasp? If you are not in favor of genuine, protected borders find another nation to call home. A nation without defined and defensible borders is not a sovereign nation at all. It's a come as you are free for all — an open invitation to thugs and terrorists. Legal entry is, and always will be, the one and only answer.

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ROMANS 2:1: YOU may think you can condemn such people, but you are just as bad, and you have no excuse.

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TO HOT-LINER CLAIMING drunk drivers kill more Americans than illegal immigrants do, how many of the drunk drivers were illegal immigrants?

■■■■
IF YOU THINK people concerned about climate change are not telling the truth for their own self interest, what about the self interest of those who say it's fake news?

■■■■
THE AAA FOUNDATION for traffic safety reports one in five fatal crashes, including DUIs, involves an unlicensed driver. According to traffic safety advocate Don Rossenberg, 90 percent of those never issued a license are in this country illegal. Strict border enforcement can potentially reduce drunk driving deaths by 18 percent.

■■■■
FENTON DPW AND Genesee and Livingston County road crews have done a marvelous job keeping our roads clear of snow and salted for ice. Nice job, gang!

'Global warming responsible for freezing temps'

■ **Sub-zero temperatures are proof of it, says theoretical astrophysicist**

Compiled By Vera Hogan

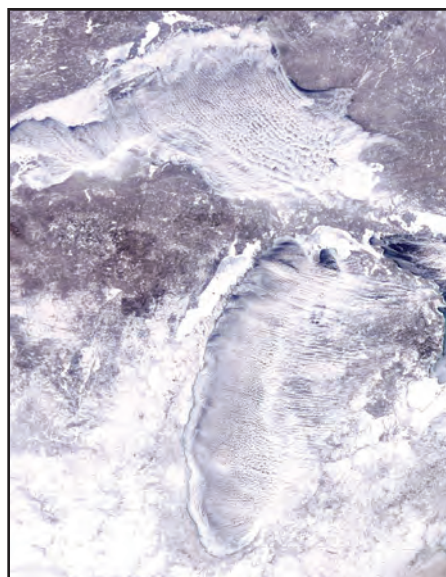
By the time people read this article over the weekend, local temperatures are expected to be in the low- to mid-40s. Get out the grill while you can though, because the cold, sub-zero temperatures will be back.

The record-breaking, sub-zero temperatures last Wednesday, Jan. 30, have the global warming naysayers again spouting, "Hah, global warming is a bunch of bunk. It's freezing out there." Even the President of the United States says it's not a thing.

They are wrong, however. Scientists have been trying to explain this for years. First, there is a big difference between weather and climate.

According to the National Snow and Ice Center, weather is the day-to-day state of the atmosphere, and its short-term variation in minutes to weeks. People generally think of weather as the combination of temperature, humidity, precipitation, cloudiness, visibility, and wind. We talk about changes in weather in terms of the near future: "How hot is it right now?" "What will it be like today?" and "Will we get a snowstorm this week?"

Climate is the weather of a place averaged over a period of time, often 30 years. Climate information includes the statistical weather information that tells us about the normal weather, as well as the range of weather extremes for a location.



The National Weather Service in Grand Rapids shared this photo of the lake effect winds over the Great Lakes on Thursday, Jan. 31. Photo: National Weather Service Grand Rapids

According to a recent article by Ethan Siegel in *forbes.com*, the country is freezing in an unprecedented fashion, and global warming is to blame. The cold snap that North America is experiencing east of the Rocky Mountains, with temperatures at Arctic-like levels, is real, but it's only part of the story. Simultaneously, there are record warm temperatures happening in other parts of the world, from Australia to the actual Arctic.

While a small but vocal minority of people might use the faulty logic of, "it's cold where I am, therefore global warming isn't real," even school children know that weather isn't climate, according to Siegel. But these extreme cold snaps have gotten more severe in recent years, due to a combination of global warming and a phenomenon you've likely heard of: the polar vortex. Here's the science of how it works, and why global warming is paradoxically playing a major role in today's record-low temperatures.

"Although the term has been around

since the 1850s, few people heard of the polar vortex until earlier this decade, when it became so weak that it migrated over the North American and Eurasian continents, causing some of the coldest winter weather we've seen in recent history," Siegel said in his article.

When the vortex at the north pole becomes extremely weak, the high pressure zones found in the middle latitudes of Earth (where the westerly winds are) can push toward the poles, displacing the cold air. This causes the polar vortex to move farther south. In addition, the jet stream buckles, and deviates toward more populous, southern latitudes. As the cold, dry air from the poles comes in contact with the warm, moist air of the mid-latitudes, you get a dramatic weather change that is conventionally referred to as a cold snap.

The weather we're experiencing across much of the northern hemisphere is due to exactly this phenomenon, occurring right now.

How is global warming to blame? The phenomenon that causes the polar vortex to break down is known as sudden stratospheric warming, where the upper layers of the atmosphere increase in temperature by approximately 54 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit over the span of only a few days. The fact that there are land masses located where they are in the northern hemisphere means that as those land temperatures increase, they transport their heat to even more northern latitudes.

The exact details of how this works are complex, but the explanation is simple. Warmer land temperatures, particularly in northern North America and northern Eurasia, allow more heat to be transported into the Arctic stratosphere.

"A warmer Earth makes sudden stratospheric warming events more likely and more frequent. And those events destabilize the polar vortex, bring cold air down into the mid-latitudes, and cause the extreme weather we're experiencing right now," Siegel said.

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LIBRARY CARD

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The Holly Township library in Oakland County features a large, 400-square-foot colorful children's area. Like the GDL, this library offers access to the Michigan eLibrary.

January events included tech assistance, knitting club, story time and family

winter craft night.

Local libraries are supported by millages. Fenton's library also receives some assistance from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

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SNOW DAY

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of Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah."

Attempting not to sing a ridiculous snow day song, the duo each donned sunglasses and harmonized beautifully with these re-written verses:

"I heard about a winter storm, it's cold and dreary, stay home, stay warm, it's a cold and snowy winter morning."

"It goes like this, when the snow hits, the buses can't get out of it, it's a cold and snowy winter morning."

"It's a snow day, a winter cold day, stay home and just play, it's a great family day."

They encouraged students and parents to enjoy these special "family days, to stay home and just play."

This YouTube message certainly hit a cord with winter-weary Michigan residents, going viral to the tune of more than 700,000 hits and inspiring many other districts to get creative.

Last week's four snow days inspired Dan Ferguson, principal of Lake Fenton Middle School, to get off his own couch and encourage students, parents and teachers to make these snow days count with special indoor activities at home, because of the extreme cold.

The first group he was trying to reach and impact was educators, "especially those who positively impact kids in the area of literacy," Ferguson said. "My 'vision' was a one-day deal reimbursing \$100 or so for educators to purchase books or supplies so they didn't have to take it out of their own pockets as they often do."

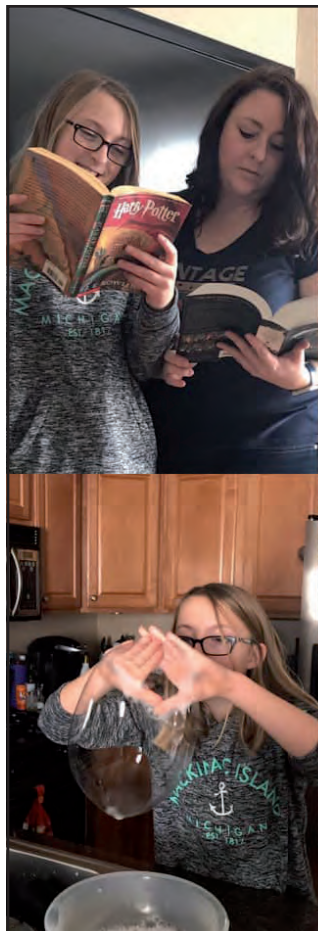
These educators included teachers, aides, para-professionals, secretaries, custodians, etc.

He went on Facebook Live to send out Snow Day Challenges that presented different daily activities. Once educators or community members completed three steps of a challenge, like reading in front of a blank screen, building a snowman, cooking a recipe with fractions, etc., they were entered in a drawing for prizes.

Little did Ferguson expect that Lake Fenton school families were also ran-

SUMMARY

■ Snow days have taken on a new meaning this year, with YouTube snow closing announcements and Facebook Live Snow Day Challenges to inspire students, teachers and parents.



Robin Swartz, a kindergarten teacher in Clio schools, is a friend of the Lake Fenton schools family and participated in the Snow Day Challenge with these snowflake cutouts. Facebook photo

domly doing the activities, so they were invited to nominate staff to win the prizes. Another surprise to Ferguson was the number of local businesses that stepped up to sponsor prizes and giveaways.

One of the most coveted prizes was an offer by one of the district's most beloved bakers, "Mama Petts," who was giving away cookies on Valentine's Day to two entire classrooms of teachers whose names were drawn. Those lucky winners (and their students) were Carlee Ramirez and Rebecca Heile.

“The response was amazing.”

Dan Ferguson
Lake Fenton Middle School
principal

Doing a Saturday Night Live-inspired motivational speaker Matt Foley impersonation at home with his three daughters, Ferguson presented the Snow Day Challenges on Facebook Live.

Snow Day Challenge #1

Grab a book and take a picture reading in front of a blank screen. "Turn off the box," he encouraged.

Snow Day Challenge #2

Make cut-out snowflakes in the shape of a snowperson.

Snow Day Challenge #3

Make indoor bubbles out of soap and water, using your hands, to include science in the challenge.

Snow Day Challenge #4

Fine art activities including music, theater and dance made up the final Snow Day challenges.

Ferguson was back in his office Thursday, trying to catch up on his work without students in class, and finishing what he thought would be the final Snow Day Challenge #4.

"The response was amazing," he said. "The activities brought our family together for brief moments when screens are shut off. We actually not only co-exist but truly laugh with each other and that has been a true blessing."

Kids and parents loved the challenge,

too. "She is loving all the fun activities this week," wrote one parent on Facebook. "Reading, writing letters, making sugar cookies, more reading, blowing bubbles, snow angels, snowflake cutouts, reading again and blanket forts. Thanks for the fun LF Community and Dan Ferguson!"

What will they think of next...?

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■
I DON'T THINK social media is tearing us apart (Heller on Jan. 27), but the remarks are very telling of the people who send; the ones by Hollywood are the most egregious to me.

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YES, I AM concerned about the 25 percent of the federal workers not being paid. However, my 401k is pale in comparison to their pensions. Too many legacy costs.

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CAN SOMEONE PLEASE explain the logic of a businessperson who buys property on Owen Road, demolishes a Big Boy and a Pizza Hut and then puts up 10 new business places but only had commitments from two businesses and the rest sit empty.

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I FEEL SORRY for the federal contractor from Linden but he should know better than to rely solely on a totally unreliable government.

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FOR THOSE OF you who think border barriers are immoral need to know that there are 20 complete border walls in the world, seven are under construction, one is planned and five are proposed.

■■■
I'LL BET THAT the people who frequented the bar where Alexandria Cortez worked, thought that she was bright and cute but the world certainly doesn't feel that way.

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IT IS DOWNRIGHT demonic that people are able to legally murder innocent humans that can feel being murdered. Disgusting.

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VERA HOGAN'S ARTICLE about state revenue sharing was well written. It should be must read material for anyone who would like to discuss tax policy in the Hot line from now on.



Caitlin Casarez, a teacher at Lake Fenton Middle School, submitted this photo of the Snow Day reading challenge. Facebook photo

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BEER

■ Non-craft beers are less expensive and diet friendly, but can be less flavorful

By Tim Jagielo

According to Popular Science, American consumers drink 325 million gallons of beer during the Super Bowl. Much of this will be cases of Miller Lite, Bud Lite and other light beer staples.

Exploding in Michigan is the craft beer industry, which has begun to wrestle some market share from these domestic, non-craft beer brands.

According to Brewers Association, craft beer sales rose 5 percent in 2017, taking 12.7 percent of the \$111.4 billion overall beer market.

Craft beers are the “fancy” beers of today, made by smaller brewers, which are generally more flavorful, with better ingredients offering a massive variety. The most popular beers such as Budweiser are lagers, which are thinner and lighter. They arguably have less flavor and variety than craft beers.

The most popular craft beer style is the IPA, or India Pale Ale. This is no direct reference to the country, but IPAs have higher alcohol content and more distinct flavors.

IPAs were first brewed in England in the 1700s for sailors with an extended stay away from home. The beer was dispatched with a higher alcohol content allowing it to keep for longer, sometimes on trips as far away as India.

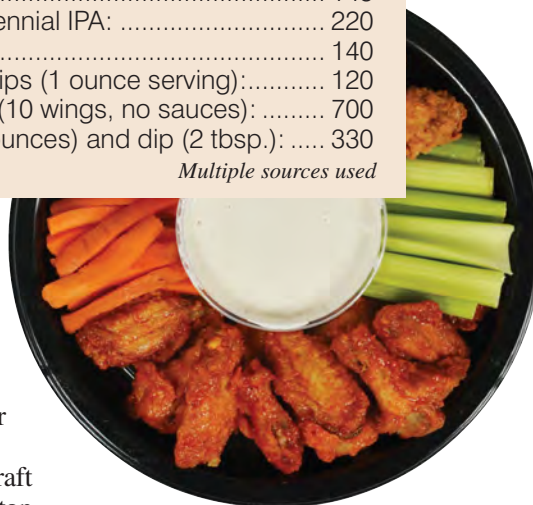
Coors Brewing Company, Anheuser-Busch InBev and Heineken International.

In a way, popular beers are like mainstream pop music, and craft beers are like indie music. Both have their hardcore fans, judging the

COMMON PARTY FOOD CALORIES

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| Budweiser: | 145 |
| Founders Centennial IPA: | 220 |
| Coca-Cola: | 140 |
| Lay's potato chips (1 ounce serving): | 120 |
| Chicken wings (10 wings, no sauces): | 700 |
| Vegetables (9 ounces) and dip (2 tbsp.): | 330 |

Multiple sources used



cent alcohol.

Possibly the lowest calorie beer out there is the Bud Select 55, with 55 calories per 12 ounces.

Dogfish Head 120 minute IPA, however, has 450 calories, at 18-percent alcohol. These numbers are according to efficientdrinker.com.

Even independent craft brewers have their own “light” beers. Founders Brewing Company has their All Day IPA and the Pure Gold lager.

Craft beer can be expensive calorically and financially so light beers will most likely have their place in responsible drinking.

Source: All About Beer Magazine

The average 12-ounce can of beer has as much or more calories than a 12-ounce can of Coca-Cola.

Still, non-craft beers are the top 25 beers in sales in 2018, according to vinepair.com. Most are part of the largest brewers — like Molson

other side for their bland choices.

Light beer will always have its place and brewers might do well to embrace it. Budweiser, according to USA Today, will start including nutrition labels on their boxes in February.

On average, 12 ounces of beer is about 150 calories, which is the equivalent of a can of Coca-Cola, according to calorielab.com. A can of Miller Lite is 96 calories, while a regular Budweiser is 145 at 5-per-

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The Fenton City Council will be reviewing and possibly voting on raising fees for opening and closing graves at Oakwood Cemetery. The fees have not increased in 10 years. *Times file photo*

OAKWOOD

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The issue was on the Monday, Jan. 28 Fenton City Council agenda, however, the meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

According to Public Works Director Dan Czarnecki, also a member of the Oakwood Cemetery Board, the city has been working with Covenant Cemetery Service (Fenton Memorials) for sales of cemetery lots, opening and closing of graves for burials and other miscellaneous services for many years.

"The Butts family has spent many years in our Oakwood Cemetery, performing all kinds of maintenance services," Czarnecki said in a memo to City Manager Lynn Markland.

Recently, the Butts family requested a rate increase for their services to open and close graves, Markland said. "They have charged Oakwood Cemetery the same

rates since 2008."

Czarnecki said the city adds a small fee to the rates Covenant charges to help offset costs at the cemetery. The following rates will be good for two years, 2019-2021:

The new rate for opening and closing an adult grave will be \$600 (current rate \$450) if the City Council votes for the increases. It will be \$300 for a child grave (currently \$225); \$200 for an infant (currently \$125); \$225 for cremains (currently \$150) and \$65 for foundations (current rate \$45).

"The rate increase proposed by Covenant Cemetery Service was reviewed by the cemetery board and found to be reasonable," Czarnecki said.

If approved by the City Council, the new rates were to become effective Feb. 1, however, since the matter has yet to be voted upon, that date may be changed to a date after the council's vote.

Just sayin'...

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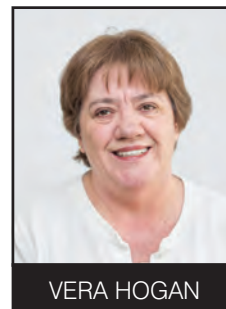
We had nothing, yet we had everything

Cold winter days like we've been having remind me of some happy times when our boys were youngsters.

When our sons were growing up, we lived in a little, under 1,000-square-foot, two bedroom, one bath house a couple of doors from our current home, which is twice the size and has four bedrooms and two baths. We bought the bigger house the year our youngest son graduated from Fenton High School.

Our little house had a couple of redeeming features. It had central air-conditioning and a full basement. The basement was not finished except for one room that we turned into another bedroom. That third bedroom inadvertently turned into a family room. It was small and could only hold a queen-sized bed that took up half of the room. There also was a tiny table with a very small TV on it, and a desk where we had our big old archaic computer, and a swivel desk chair.

During the winter when it was very cold, the boys would be decked out in their warm, flannel one-piece jammies with feet in them. We would prop a bunch of over-sized pillows on the big bed and all jump in to watch TV and movies. The kids' favorites included "Space Jam," all the Scooby Doo movies, "Matilda," "Jurassic Park," "Lion King" and more. At Christmas, their



VERA HOGAN

favorites were "Home Alone" and "Home Alone 2, Lost in New York." Call me a bad mom, but I even let them watch the two "Problem Child" movies about an incorrigible boy, played by Michael Oliver and John Ritter as the nice dad who adopted him.

My sons' favorite scene was when the boy cranked up a carnival ride, making it go 100 times faster than intended. Everyone started crying and throwing up all over the place. It was pretty disgusting but the boys loved it and laughed themselves silly every time they saw it.

We all climbed under the big quilt and were snug as bugs in a rug as they say. Of course, there was popcorn and all of the other necessary movie-watching treats. We didn't care if we got crumbs everywhere. Unbelievably, when my older stepsons (young teenagers at the time) came over, we would all climb onto that big bed, all six of us, to watch TV or just talk, joke around and tell stories.

Sometimes we played board games on that bed, or cards. And sometimes we would take turns on the computer. The only games we had on it were "Wheel of Fortune" and "Solitaire," both of which became very addictive.

Oddly enough, we had a nice living room upstairs with a much bigger TV (with cable) and a couple of good-sized sofas. And it was right next to the kitchen. Oh well.

Although I love the big historic home we own and live in today, I would give anything to go back to our little house with our little guys and share more of those priceless family times.

We had nothing, yet we had everything.

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PELOSI HAS SPENT millions in military flights, including her family. Also \$100,000 in flight requests, which includes booze. The problem is she cannot finish a thought or sentence. All this at our expense. Wake up people.

SO CUOMO WAS so proud to pass a law in New York to make abortion legal up to birth? These people are sick. Don't be fooled people. Our tax dollars are funding Planned Parenthood. We are funding people who are trying to take over our country. Democrats want open borders so voter fraud can happen. It's the only way they can win. They are sick people.

DURING THE SHUTDOWN, two votes were taken to pay government workers. Democrats voted against it twice. It's not about the people with the Democrats; it's about them. Isn't it plain to see?

ABORTION LEGAL ALL the way up until birth? For God's sake, what is wrong with you people? If you waited that long, you might as well have the baby and give it up for adoption. I'm sure there is a loving family more than happy to adopt him or her.

QUICK QUESTION: HOW many times has China been invaded from their northern border since they completed their wall?

PRESIDENT TRUMP IS the greatest president in modern history. Citing his low approval rating means nothing; he has never had high ratings (except when he was on The Apprentice). Proud to wear a MAGA hat.

STANDARD LIBERAL TACTIC: Hot-liner doesn't agree with President Trump's politics so writer brands him a racist. There is nothing racist about Trump's policies.

WEEK AFTER WEEK, I read these Hot lines and am amazed at how uniformed people are. They are drinking the Kool-Aid and parroting. Do some research before you speak. Think for yourself.

GLOBAL WARMING SUCKS.

BOOMERS LOVE THE congressman who screeched at the CEO of Google because they don't understand cell phones and they hate AOC because she has a college education and is smarter than them. Sad.

IT WAS MINUS 7 degrees and people were buying water softener salt, which was being loaded by a guy who should have not been working outside during a state of emergency. Don't be bad customers. Just wait a couple days or get it yourself.

TOP 10 FOOTBALL PLAYERS

Can you guess who they are by their nicknames?

By Vera Hogan

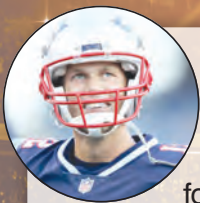


#10

"The Minister of Defense"

This defensive end played with the Philadelphia Eagles, Green Bay Packers and the Carolina Panthers (1985-1998, 2000). He was also known for his Christian ministry as an ordained Evangelical minister, leading to his nickname.

photo source: wikipedia.com



#9

"Tom Terrific"

This quarterback joined the New England Patriots after playing college football for the University of Michigan.

He was drafted by the Patriots in the sixth round of the 2000 NFL Draft. We don't know why he's called that, but it's probably because he is terrific.

photo source: aol.com



#8

"Alabama Antelope"

This split end played his entire 11-year career with the Green Bay Packers. He became famous for faking out opposing defenses, feigning cuts in several directions on every play, earning him the nickname.

photo source: nflfootballjournal.blogspot.com



#7

"The Robot of Destruction," "The Enforcer," "The Animal," and "The Maestro of Mayhem"

This linebacker played with the Chicago Bears from 1965 to 1973. It's said he earned these nicknames because he was the meanest, toughest, tackle-you-'til-Tuesday-and-eat-you-for-breakfast linebacker of all time.

photo source: profootballweekly.com



#6

"The Golden Arm"

This quarterback played for the Baltimore (now Indiana) Colts and Los Angeles Chargers (1956-1973). His passing ability earned him the nickname "the Golden Arm," led the winning team in what is widely regarded as the greatest game in the annals of professional football.

photo source: nflfootballjournal.blogspot.com



#4

"Godzilla"

This linebacker played with the New York Giants from 1981-1993. He was said to be reckless, just reckless. He was nicknamed "Godzilla," not so much for the way he played as the way he lived.

photo source: sportsillustrated.com



#3

"The Comeback Kid" and "Joe Cool"

This quarterback played with the San Francisco 49ers and Kansas City Chiefs (1979-1994). He became known as "The Comeback Kid" for his knack at pulling out the close ones.

photo source: pinterest.com



#2

(No nickname) but his jersey number with the Browns was 32

This running back was with the Cleveland Browns from 1957-1965. He began an acting career before the 1964 season, playing a buffalo soldier in a Western action film called "Rio Conchos." He acted in many films, including "The Dirty Dozen."

photo source: sportsillustrated.com



#1

"Flash 80"

Considered one of the greatest wide receivers to ever play the game, this player sported the No. 80 throughout his entire career during which he made spectacular plays for every single team he played for, which resulted in the nickname Flash 80. He played with the San Francisco 49ers, Seattle Seahawks and Los Angeles Raiders from 1985-2004.

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Sources: espn.com; thecheatsheet.com

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District tourneys creating more tri-county wrestling battles

By David Troppens

The calendar still read January at the beginning of last week, but the wrestling season is already starting to come to an end.

Team and individual district action starts this week with one team district that will have a very local flavor.

Fenton will host a Division 2 team district

meet with Linden, Holly and Goodrich on Wednesday. Meanwhile, Lake Fenton will be traveling to Durand for a Division 3 team tournament on Thursday.

The Fenton district will see Linden facing state-ranked Goodrich and Fenton hosting Holly in two semifinal matches at 5 p.m. The two winners will compete in the district title match shortly after the semifinal contests.

The district will be a continuation of a short period of time where the three area rivals will do serious battle. The trio competed against each other Friday night to cap the dual portion of the Flint Metro League season. On Saturday, many of the wrestlers will face off in the Flint Metro League's postseason meet while the wrestlers compete for individual league titles.

Lake Fenton has a semifinal match with Byron at 5 p.m.

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Linden's Mitchell Kerr

Super Bowl is a family affair for Stewards

■ Rams' starting right tackle Havenstein is Steward's nephew

By David Troppens

Trying to reach Ron Steward, owner of Douglas Water Conditioning, during the National Football League season can be a challenge.

One weekend he may be preparing for a trip to Los Angeles or during another one to New Orleans to go watch the Rams play. He also attended the game at Detroit earlier this season.

The reason why he's following the Rams is simple. Steward's family has a rooting interest in Sunday's Super Bowl contest when the Rams face the New England Patriots at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, Georgia. His nephew is one of the Rams' starting offensive lineman Rob Havenstein.

"It's been a blast following his career," Steward said. "I saw them play the Lions, Green Bay, Dallas, Kansas City and New Orleans. We try to get to as many games as we can. It wears on you a little because I have a business here, but we make it work, and we have a blast when we are there."

Steward and other family members are going to experience the ultimate NFL road trip when they attend Super Bowl LIII. Kickoff is slated for 6:30 p.m.



(Top photo) Rams' starting offensive lineman Rob Havenstein (second from left) poses for a photo with mother Cheryl Havenstein, and Fenton residents Debbie Stewart and Rob Steward. Rob Havenstein is the Steward's nephew. He'll be playing in the Super Bowl, Sunday. (Left photo) Havenstein leaves the field at the end of a contest. Photos provided

"Just the experience of going to a Super Bowl is a dream," Steward said. "You never think you are going to have an opportunity to go to a Super Bowl,

but now we are because of Rob."

Steward grew up in an athletic family, and he actually played high school foot-

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Fenton's Cummings enjoying life at Tiffin University

By David Troppens

When Sarah Cummings was working out for her junior season on the Tiffin University women's basketball team she noticed one constant.

The team ran. When it seemed like they were done running, they did some more, and then some more after that.

"We spent the whole preseason doing so much running," the Fenton graduate said. "It was terrible at the time. I didn't want to wake up at five in the morning and be at the track."

But there was a method to the madness. Tiffin had a new women's basketball coach. Jessie Ivey was changing the way the Dragons were going to do

things. They were going to push the ball, running pretty much a breaking offense regardless of the situation.

It has taken the Dragons a little bit of time to adjust. After a 2-2 start, the team lost 12 of 13 games. However, it seems something is starting to click as Tiffin has won four straight contests, including breaking a school record for points in a game, netting 108 in a 108-84 victory against Ohio Valley.

The players are starting to understand the new offense, and it's obviously showing on the floor.

"Now I think about it and the reason we were running was so we could run

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Fenton graduate and Tiffin University basketball player Sarah Cummings (center) has been playing some strong basketball in recent weeks. Photo provided

David's Dabblings

Some thoughts about sports and others not dealing with sports at all



SOME BIRTHDAY THOUGHTS

Recently, I celebrated my 50th Birthday. Wow, 50 years. Growing up, I think most of us looked at such milestone birthdays we thought that something must happen when you turn 50. Maybe a jolt of something would happen in my body, telling me 'Hey David, you are an old man.' I have to say, nothing like that happened. In fact, I felt the same on Monday as I did when I was 49 years, 364 days old the day before. That was kind of a bummer. I was looking forward to 'that moment.' People keep asking me if I had it, but I haven't. Oh well.

Meals not presents

At 50, one thing doesn't matter as much to me when I hit a birthday as it may have over 30 years ago — presents. I'm already at a point where I want to get rid of stuff before getting more. The last thing I need is more stuff. Instead what my birthday represents is free meals. The more free meals I can parlay out of the occasion, the better. At the time of writing this, I think I've had four birthday meals with one more expected on Sunday. Five free meals — that's not too bad.

Gift to myself

I do look forward to one gift every birthday. For about a decade I have been collecting my change and cashing it in on my birthday as a present to myself. I keep the money for special occasions. This year the amount was roughly \$250, the highest total I've ever had. If I have any advice for people about their birthdays, this is it. Save your change and cash it in on your birthday. It's fun seeing how much money you end up with.

Trip to the Secretary of the State office

If you are like me, my birthday always means a trip to renew my tags at the Secretary of the State office.

With that trip, the same fears come up. First, how long is the line going to be? Do I actually have to take a test this year? Do I need to get a new license? What kind of interesting characters will I see when I make my visit? How many people will look at me as the 'interesting character' when they see me there?

One question I have pretty much eliminated the last two years is the time question. For those of you like me who are too lazy to purchase their tags in the mail or set an appointment at the Secretary of State office in advance, you know the waiting time can approach two hours at times. I have found a way to avoid that — get there before the office opens. The last two years I got to See DABBLINGS on 21

Gaines' Weaver trying to share her love of softball

■Linden graduate is collecting used sports equipment for Jamaica Little League

By David Troppens

Savannah Weaver knew she had to do something.

The Linden graduate and Gaines native was attending Spring Arbor University and went to Jamaica during a three-week study-abroad trip. While there, she saw a little boy running.

"He was running on rocks and broken glass," the Spring Arbor University graduate said. "It was sad to see. I asked the lady in charge and she said he wants to be the next Usain Bolt. It made me take a step back. It made me think how much we take for granted, especially for sports."

It also made Weaver think about the sport she loved — softball. All her life she'd been able to play the sport she loved with great equipment, quality fields and quality coaching. She was able to play on Linden's 2013 Division 2 state semifinal squad and went on to play college softball at Spring Arbor University.

"All you need to play baseball or softball is a stick and a ball," Weaver said. "But we have million dollar stadiums and great equipment and we take it for granted. They have nothing (in Jamaica)."

Weaver knew she had to address what she saw and found a solution. She contacted the Jamaica Little League Baseball and Softball Organization and decided to start collecting equipment to

distribute. She started with the travel team she was coaching, asking for donations of any used baseball or softball items.

"I told the families and kids about it and told my brother's travel baseball team about it," Weaver said. "The response was amazing."

Weaver is collecting pretty much anything that can help a baseball or softball team — hats, gloves, pants, cleats, bats and catcher's equipment among other things.

"The trunk of my car is full. There's stuff in my mom's car and in my bedroom," Weaver said. "I never expected to get as much stuff as I have. I want the game to grow beyond the United States and have the children there have a chance to be able to enjoy the game I love."

Anyone wanting to make a donation can contact Weaver at savannah.weaver@arbor.edu.

Weaver said she uses moments she experienced in Jamaica to fuel her motivation and her team.

"I tell the girls all the time that if you



During a three-week study abroad to Jamaica Linden graduate Savannah Weaver came up with the idea to help provide baseball and softball equipment to the Jamaica Little League organization by having people donate their used equipment. Weaver is pictured here with some of the children that influenced her life during the trip. Photo provided

think you can't play or show up to practice that there are kids who can't play that would love to play every day," Weaver said.

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the office about 20 minutes prior to it opening and have waited for it to open. Both years I met some interesting people, had some neat conversations with them and was in and out within five minutes of the doors opening. I've actually left the office feeling positive about the experience (minus the losing about \$100 part of it).

Life goes on

Life really hasn't changed since turning 50. I've had a few people welcome me to 'the club.' I still plan on playing a lot of volleyball when spring comes around. I'm still forcing Anna to curl every Sunday night, and I'm sure she's not going to stop forcing me to go on some runs at Linden County Park with her when the weather gets better. I certainly don't hear as well as I did at one time, but I think that has more to do with an Iron Maiden concert I attended about five years ago. I know I lost some of my hearing ability during that concert. I wear baseball caps during the summer to protect my bald spot from sunburning. And when I go to get my haircut, the cutting sessions seemingly are down to about five minutes. I'm getting some mail from AARP, and I've been looking to see what meals the Loose Center is offering, but beyond that, life hasn't really changed much. Life at 50 is pretty good. I have no complaints.

CUMMINGS

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these teams out of the gym," Cummings said. "We probably run more than any other team in the league, so running is definitely our game and that's what we are trying to do. It's been working really well lately and we've had some high scoring games. It's rewarding to see your hard work pay off. That's what I enjoy about college basketball."

As the team has started to improve, so has Cummings. She has scored 45 points in the last three games despite playing only 57 minutes in those three contests. She's also been deadly efficient, hitting on 14-of-19 shots from the field. When she doesn't get a shot off, she gets to the line frequently. Cummings is a perfect 16-for-16 from the charity stripe in the

last three games. She's now playing at center and it's paying off.

"I'm one of the quicker ones on the team so it's beneficial for me when we play fast and we are pressing," Cummings said.

"But it took some time for me to adjust to this position. It's the first time I've played center since high school, and I had to adjust. I had to learn what works in this position. Finally, I learned to have the confidence to attack the basket more, and that's where I've been successful. Earlier in the year I would settle for jump shots. That would work sometimes, and sometimes it didn't. Now we are getting down the court and pushing it down their throat. It's like an adrenaline kick."

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ball, quarterbacking the team his Dad coached, so football has always been a part of his family's history. Stewart's sister, Cheryl, is a former cheerleader as well, and her husband, Gary, was a former football and basketball player as well, so there was no doubt athletics were going to be part of Havenstein's life.

Havenstein had a successful prep career and was heavily recruited when he was completing his career at Mount Airy High School. He ended up playing at the University of Wisconsin, and while there Stewart went to every single home game. Havenstein flourished and became the 53rd pick of the 2015 draft by the St.

Louis Rams. The 6-foot-8 330-pound right tackle made an immediate impact. He started 13 games his rookie season and didn't allow a sack all season. He was named to the PFWA's All-Rookie Team. Ever since his rookie season with the Rams, he's been the team's starting right tackle, playing in 59 regular season games and three playoff games. On Sunday he'll make a start he won't soon forget, playing in the Super Bowl. And neither will his family.

"It's pretty special that's for sure," Stewart said. "It's one of those events that you may only do once in your life. Rob has been pretty busy, but he rallied and got us tickets. Each player gets 15 tickets and I have one of them."

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should be a national holiday. In fact, in 2013 a Fantasy Football site tried to sweep up some free publicity by sending President Barack Obama a petition to proclaim the Monday after the Super Bowl a national holiday. The argument, of course, failed miserably, but that doesn't keep people from discussing it every Super Bowl Sunday.

So, while it's not a national holiday, there's no doubt Super Bowl Sunday is one of the biggest days of the year in America. Last year's Super Bowl between the Patriots and the Falcons drew an average of 111.3 million viewers. And when Super Bowl LIII between the Los Angeles Rams and the New England Patriots at Atlanta's Mercedes-Benz Stadium at 6:30 p.m. begins, there will be at least 100 million people looking at TV screens again this year.

Here are some quick tidbits you may find interesting.

Tom Brady

The New England quarterback is the biggest reason why Las Vegas has the Patriots as a slight favorite in Sunday's game. Love him or hate him, the ex-Wolverine may be the best QB of all time. As good as Brady is during the regular season, he has statistically done better in the eight Super Bowl games he's competed.

Brady owns a 97.6 QB rating for his career during the regular season. That is slightly worse than his 98.0 QB rating in Super Bowls. His best rating in a Super Bowl was last year when he posted a 115.4 rating despite the Patriots losing 41-33. No wonder why many call him the greatest of all time.

Who was the last Patriot to quarterback the team in a Super Bowl before Brady?

During Super Bowl XXXI Drew Bledsoe and the Patriots lost to the Green Bay Packers 35-21. In Super Bowl XX, Steve Grogan led the Patriots to a 46-0 loss to the Bears. Grogan was awful in the contest.

Why can the Rams win the Super Bowl?

The Rams' defensive line, led by Aaron Donald, had only 41 sacks this season, but it's a quality line that has played outstanding during the playoffs. Running back Todd Gurley gives the Rams a player who can control time of possession.

Why can the Patriots win the Super Bowl?

Any team led by Brady as quarterback automatically has a great shot at winning the game. It really is that simple.

The Patriots again?

This is the third straight year the Patriots are playing in the Super Bowl, losing last year and winning in 2017. The Patriots have been in 10 Super Bowls, two more than any other squad. Thirty-eight Patriots have been on Super Bowl squads, and 36 have played in the game. Meanwhile, the Rams have four players who have competed in a Super Bowl for a total of five games played combined. Brady has more Super Bowl experience than the entire Rams' team.

Give me a good trivia question to ask at halftime.

Three players have been members of five losing Super Bowl teams. Name them.

The answer: Glenn Parker, Cornelius Bennett and Gale Gilbert.

Forget the game. Can I get a sneak preview of the commercials before the game?

A quick search on YouTube will find many hits. The frozen food porn commercial made me laugh.

TRAILWAY

Continued from Front Page

to include a levy and collection in the amount of 1.2 mills for 10 years, from 2019 to 2028, to provide funds for non-motorized recreational paths and facilities.

Residents in the cities of Fenton and Linden, and Fenton Township will see the question on the ballot. The three municipalities is considered one district in the SLPR charter. If the mileage receives more "yes" votes, it will pass.

The Southern Lakes Pathway Initiative is the volunteer committee spearheading the millage. SLPR is not legally allowed to fundraise or sway voters.

The LAFF (Linden, Argentine, Fenton, Fenton Township) pathway group, which is still involved in the campaign to pass the millage, is the grassroots organization that started the efforts to bring a non-motorized pathway to the area.

SLPR is moving away from the singular "pathway."

"We're trying to build a trailway system," said Vince Paris, director of SLPR. "A system of non-motorized pathways that seniors can use, for moms pushing strollers, runners, roller bladers. It'll be 100-percent ADA

(American with Disabilities) accessible. Not just for bikes."

Instead of only the Silver Lake Road pathway, which organizers call a "connector," plans now include building a non-motorized pathway from Fenton Road within the city to the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park, and a pathway on Owen Road to the Linden County Park.

"The Silver Lake Road connector is the most talked about but it's only part of the trail system. These are the first three segments we're looking at," he said.

Paris said they've been discussing a millage for more than a year, and the decision was made in the fall of 2018. SLPR hired an attorney to write the ballot language and then send it to the state for approval. The state then sent it to Genesee County, which disseminated it to the three municipalities where residents will vote on it.

"The boards are all on board with it," Paris said. "All municipalities have supported the trailway system in writing."

The millage is expected to raise just more than \$1.4 million in the first year. If the millage passes, SLPR will be temporary owners of the trailway system. They

will seek right-of-ways from residents.

Because the change is an amendment to its charter, SLPR will be the agency assigned for the millage, Paris said, but the city of Fenton is the lead agency for non-motorized trailway money. Fenton is an Act 51 agency, meaning the city can receive grants from the state. Since SLPR is not an Act 51 agency, it had to work with an entity that is.

SLPR is actively working on securing three grants through the city. The first is a county grant for \$432,000, which it applied for in November. Paris expects to hear if they received it in May or June. The second is a grant from the state for approximately \$1 million, which they will hear about "much later" in 2019, he said.

The third grant is through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund for \$300,000. They could potentially secure around \$1.7 million in grants. Organizers can use millage dollars to levy more grants with local matching dollars.

However, grants will not pay for the entire system. The estimated cost of the pathways is almost \$14 million, Paris said.

"We're connecting Fenton, Fenton Township and the city of Linden on a trail system that will connect to Argentine and maybe to Byron. Maybe Holly will pick it up," Paris said. "The state wants to see regional cooperation. Because SLPR works

with so many municipalities, we're in a perfect position to spearhead this."

On Wednesday, Jan. 30, SLPI held a fundraiser at Fenton Winery and Brewery that raised approximately \$45,000, said Ed Koledo, chair of SLPI.

"Multiple corridors allow the use for much of our communities to transverse east-to-west on pathways that are free of motor traffic for pedestrians. These connections will be incredible and are likely to spur additional pathways to connect even more communities," he said.

Koledo cited the benefits of non-motorized pathways, health and wellness — it's physical activity for all who use them. He also cited the economic value, such as one in 20 employed Americans working in the outdoor recreation industry, the 50 to 70 million people who use pathways in America each year, and that pathways lead to higher property values and better living; environmental benefits and a transportation alternative.

“The boards are all on board with it.”

Vince Paris
Southern Lakes Park and
Recreation director

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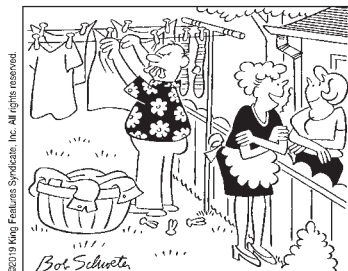
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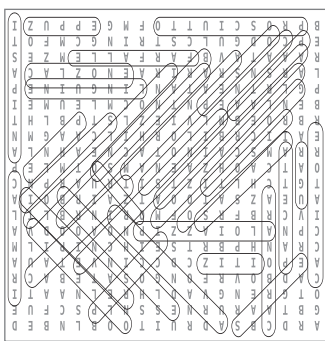
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**"It's so nice that Jim's _____
and can enjoy his free time."**

Answers in this edition of the Tri-County Times

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



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Rob Thomas

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MIDWEEK
SUDOKU
ANSWERS

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WEEKEND WORD SEARCH
ANSWERS

Scramblers:
DREDGE, PRAISE,
ADMIRE, PARTED
Answer: **RETIRED**

WEEKEND SCRAMBLER
ANSWERS

**Jumbles: BARON, MESSY,
POSTAL, RITUAL**
Answer: After his plastic surgery,
Donald Duck had —
BILL PAYMENTS

MIDWEEK JUMBLE
ANSWERS

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Level: Intermediate

**PUZZLE CLUE: HER
MIXED-UP ACTIVITIES**

91 Navy off.

1 Make hostile
9 Sliced to bits,
as a potato
14 Quibble
19 Used with
both ears
20 Love, in Lido
21 Like a lamb
22 Eleanor
Roosevelt's
successor
chairs beef
and pork?
25 Step foot in
26 Pluralizable
word
27 By means of
28 D.C.'s nation
30 "The Cosby
Show"
actress
defeats a
jungle beast?
37 Lamb's cry
40 Org. for
cavity fillers
41 Suffix with
election
42 High volcano
in Europe
43 "La La Land"
co-star
makes an
animated fish
docile?
52 First episode
53 Actor Hale
54 "— big girl
now"
55 Piece of
lifting lingerie

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(Jorge's
greeting)
67 Tiptoed
about
68 Smear (on)
70 Female
pastor, e.g.
75 Poet
Gallagher
76 Deep dislike
78 Battery pole
79 Some iPods
81 "Crazy"
singer cuts
a gossip
meddler's
fingernails?
87 Comedian
Schumer
88 Wade's rival
89 Top 40 tunes
90 Big name in
tractors
92 "Gidget" star
challenges
the head of a
college?
98 Frozen drink
brand
101 Savings plan,
for short
102 Holiday in
Vietnam
103 Divs. of a ton

astronaut
irritates a
peeress?
113 — tight leash
114 Poet's p.m.
115 Ray of
McDonald's
116 Brewery kilns
120 "Buttons and
Bows" singer
stashes
away dozens
of cases of
classic soda?
127 Habitate
128 Circus venue
129 Part of PG
130 Franklin's
belief in God
131 Burdened
132 "No turning
back now!"

DOWN
1 Singer Lane
2 Debt security
3 Research
center:
Abbr.
4 Prop for art
5 — -Grain
(cereal bar
brand)
6 Airport
landing abbr.
7 Greek letter
#19
8 Graceful tree
9 Talked too
long
10 Permeate

many
there are,"
informally
12 Be off target
13 Fox's home
14 Sky streaker
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16 By means of
17 Know
instinctively
18 Classroom
instruction
23 Year, to
Jorge
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31 Roosted
32 Busyness
33 Ho-hum
34 Queen,
e.g.
35 Hosp. sites
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37 Queen, e.g.
38 ABA or AMA
part: Abbr.
39 Uncertainty
of meaning
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vehicle
45 Sky shiner
46 Loop trains
47 Eastern ideal
48 Actress on
NBC's "The
Brave"
49 Leaf, Sentra
and Maxima
50 Ambulance
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author Peter
55 1990 Jamie
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56 Birds of
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59 WWII female
enlistee
60 Got some air
61 Toronto-to-
Detroit dir.
62 Midori on ice
63 War zone of
the '60s
64 Spoke
slowly and
solemnly
68 L- — (drug
treating
Parkinson's)
69 Actor West
71 Prefix with
lateral
72 Actor Silver
73 Pre-F string
74 Vetoing
vote
77 Gore
Vidal's
Breckinridge
80 Beatty and
Buntline
82 Cheat
83 Tell untruths
84 "— be a
pleasure!"
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some jrs.
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92 Salt, in Paris
93 Disposed
94 "... and yet
here we —"
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97 Greek letter
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98 Prefix with
lateral
99 Frank
100 May of film
105 A long time
106 Alter, in a
way, as a
skirt
107 Seat holders
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110 — -warrior
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You are now ready to solve today's Jumble For Kids. Study the picture for a hint. Then play around with the letters in the circles. You'll find you can put them in order so that they make your funny answer.

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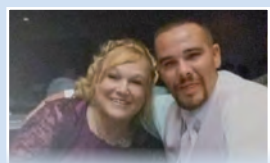
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 Brothers & Sisters



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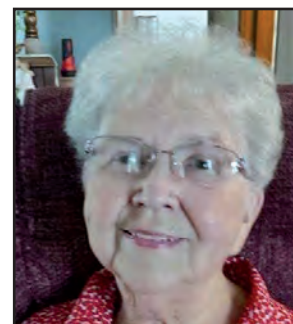
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Joanne Getz

1935-2019
 Joanne Getz - age 83,
 of Fenton, passed away
 Saturday, January 26,
 2019. A Celebration of
 Life service will be held
 on Saturday, February
 16, 2019, at Fenton First
 Presbyterian Church,
 503 S. Leroy St., Fenton
 with Reverend David
 Eshleman officiating. The
 family will receive friends
 from 3 PM with Joanne's
 "Celebration of Life" at 4
 PM at the church. In lieu
 of flowers, contributions
 may be made to McLaren
 Hospice. Joanne was
 born November 18, 1935
 in Detroit, the daughter of
 Stanley and Melba (Smith)
 Nowicki. She married Ralph
 C. Getz, Sr. on May 22,
 1954. Joanne was a very
 social and active person.
 She was a member of the
 Red Hat Society, Eastern
 Stars and Daughters of
 the Nile. Joanne enjoyed
 golf and loved spending
 time with family. She was
 a volunteer probation
 officer for many years for
 the City of Harper Woods
 where she received an
 award of recognition for her
 volunteer services. Joanne
 is a presence that will be
 missed. Surviving are:
 husband, Ralph C. Getz,
 Sr. of Fenton; son, Skip
 and husband, Tom Getz-
 Walsh of Fenton; daughter,
 Kathy and husband, Mike
 Romphf of Eastpointe;
 sister, Carol and husband,
 Red Lemke; beloved aunt,
 Betty Mayham; many
 nieces and nephews. She
 was preceded in death
 by: her parents; brother,
 Stanley Nowicki, Jr.; sister,
 Melba Motson. Tributes
 may be shared at www.
 sharpfuneralhomes.com.
 Arrangements by Sharp
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Thomas Thomas

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Barbara Ann (Klamert) Glover

1957-2019
 Barbara Ann (Klamert)
 Glover - age 61, of Fenton,
 died Sunday, January 27,
 2019. Funeral services
 were held 11 AM Friday,
 February 1, 2019 at Sharp
 Funeral Homes, Fenton
 Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake
 Road, Fenton. Visitation was
 held at the funeral home
 Thursday, January 31,
 2019 from 3-8 PM, where
 a V.F.W. Auxiliary memorial
 service was held at 7 PM
 followed by a Fraternal
 Order of Eagles memorial
 service at 7:30 PM.
 Those desiring may make
 contributions to Fenton
 V.F.W. Curtis Wolverton
 Post #3243. Barb was
 born May 14, 1957 in Flint,
 the daughter of Clarence
 "Clem" and Donna
 (Gipson) Klamert. She was
 a graduate of Fenton High
 School. She married Robert
 Carl Glover May 27, 1987
 in Fenton and he preceded
 her in death February 23,
 2014. She had resided in
 Fenton most of her life.
 Barb worked for the Fenton
 V.F.W. as a bartender. She
 was a member and current
 president of the Fenton
 V.F.W. Auxiliary Post #3243.
 She was also a member of
 the Fenton Fraternal Order
 of Eagles Aerie #2460, and
 the Holly Moose Lodge.
 Surviving are: daughters,
 Dawn Glover and Shea
 Glover both of Fenton;
 granddaughter, Alekzin
 Glover; siblings, Bonnie
 (Jack) Pray of Fenton,
 Beth (Gerald "Hawk")
 Hawkins of Swartz Creek,
 Roger (Kathryn) Klamert
 of Clio, and Rick "Dickie"
 (Deborah) Klamert of
 Tennessee; brother-in-law,
 David Glover of Glennie;
 and several nieces and
 nephews. She was also
 preceded in death by
 her parents. Tributes
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Christopher Lambert

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Five benefits to spaying/neutering

One of the most important aspects of welcoming a pet into a home is to be a responsible pet owner. Responsible pet ownership involves providing for the animal's physical and emotional needs, making sure to keep the pet out of danger and providing love, affection and training.

Responsible pet ownership also includes a commitment to maintaining a reasonable pet population. Due to unchecked breeding, shelters are bursting at the seams with animals who have been found stray or were turned over by owners who are unable to care for them. The ASPCA says millions of cats and dogs of all ages and breeds are euthanized or suffer as strays every year. These high numbers are the result of unplanned litters.

Neutering, also known as spaying and neutering, can help keep animal numbers in check. American Humane Society says spaying is a general term used to describe the ovariectomy of a female animal. Neutering is a general term used to describe the castration of a male animal. However, neutering is often used in reference to both genders. Veterinarians perform these surgeries, which often result in the same-day release of pets if there have been no complications.

Many shelters require adoptable animals be neutered before they can be released to a new family. Pet owners can work with veterinarians to determine the best age for sterilization. **There are many great reasons to neuter pets that go beyond reducing overpopulation.**

•**Improves animal health:** Spaying can help prevent uterine infections and breast cancer in female pets. Neutering males can prevent testicular cancer.

•**Reduces unwanted marking/mating behavior:** Female pets advertise that they are ready to reproduce by leaving scents (urinating), barking, meowing, and being more agitated during breeding season. Spaying can reduce these inclinations.



•**Reduces the need to roam:** Male animals will travel near and far to find a female. Once on the prowl, the animal runs the risks of injury from altercations with other animals as well as traffic. Such animals also may get lost.

•**Responsible breeding:** American Humane says 25 percent of shelter dogs are purebreds. Responsible purebred breeders have homes lined up before they breed. There's no need to mate purebreds simply for the sake of continuing the lineage.

•**Improved behavior:** The ASPCA says a male pet might be less likely to mount other pets, people and inanimate objects after he's neutered. Some aggression problems may be avoided by early neutering as well. Neutering is a smart choice. After the surgery takes place, give the pet a quiet, safe place to recover and inhibit jumping or running for a few weeks. Also, try to keep him or her from licking the wounds. When the vet gives a clean bill of health, pets can resume living full, happy lives.

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Starr Carter is constantly switching between two worlds: the poor, mostly black, neighborhood where she lives and the rich, mostly white, prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Now, facing pressures from all sides of the community, Starr must find her voice and stand up for what's right. The Hate U Give is based on the critically acclaimed New York Times bestseller by Angie Thomas and stars Amandla Stenberg as Starr, with Russell Hornsby, Regina Hall, Common, Anthony Mackie and Issa Rae.
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A true crime film about a crew of retired crooks who pull off a major heist in London's jewelry district. What starts off as their last criminal hurrah quickly turns into a brutal nightmare due to greed. Based on infamous true events.
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Guess Who?

I am a singer born in Germany on February 14, 1972. I played in a few bands since 1995, but made it big with my current band before doing solo work.
One of my biggest hits features a smooth guitar legend.

Answer in this edition of the Tri-County Times

Word Search

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally and diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 teaspoons hot water
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup chopped walnuts

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. Cream together the butter, white sugar, and brown sugar until smooth. Beat in the eggs one at a time, then stir in the vanilla. Dissolve baking soda in hot water. Add to batter along with salt. Stir in flour, chocolate chips, and nuts. Drop by large spoonfuls onto ungreased pans.
3. Bake for about 10 minutes in the preheated oven, or until edges are nicely browned.



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