**Are you ready for some football?**

Big game kicks off at 6:30 p.m.

**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...See **SUPER BOWL** on 22.

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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 smartphone. 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 See **SNOW DAY** on 15.

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**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 See **TRAILWAY** on 22.

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**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. See **OAKWOOD** on 18.
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What can you get with a library card?

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 delightfully 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. Winegardner Library.

Roberts caught the guests about his animals — a red-earred 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 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.

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.

To learn more about what a library card has to offer, check out your local library.

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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 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 danger, you know? If we’re going to use popular first names on storms, I would go with the ones that have been there. The new kids aren’t where I’m going they will be gone and I’m running into 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 drivers, according to various statistics, are the best in the nation. I haven’t stopped laughing since.**

- **SO, CITY OF Linden offices closed early on Monday because of snowmageddon. 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 cliche.**

- **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 the 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 cat. 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.**

**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.**

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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 beencore 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 Sablebrush 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.

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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 control programs the city of Fenton have any effect on the goose or swan population.

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.

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.

Holly Village Manager Jerry Walker said this impacts the village fund generally.

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 obtain 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.

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**LOOKING BACK at this week in HISTORY**

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**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 Moorhead, Minnesota. Investigators blamed the crash on bad weather and pilot error.

**FEB. 4**
1972: A force of 824 soldiers, the last of Thailand’s 15,000 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 Tschakovsky 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. Tschakovsky 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 troop 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

**BOOK STORES Continued from Page 3**

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 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 booksell- ers 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 book stores, 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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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 tornadoes,” 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 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 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.
‘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, smartphones 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 morning. 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 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.

Repairs at the Ray Compressor Station are ongoing, and one of the station’s three compressors is partially in service. A root cause analysis to try and determine why the fire occurred has also been initiated.

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.

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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

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.

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GOVERNOR CUOMO of New York celebrated as he signed a new law that allows abortions anytime over 9 months celebrated as he signed a new law that allows abortions anytime over 9 months. Either way, said he believes it requires both parents to be employed full time just to pay for basic necessities.

IF TRUMP is so pro-business, how can he justify the loss of $1.1 billion in revenue due to the government shutdown?

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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.

What you’ll find in her beautifully appointed bridal shop is a warm welcome, and beautiful, customizable one-of-a-kind wedding gowns from boutique designers all over the world.

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

“I’m trying to bring something special and unique to Fenton,” 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.”

Call Ivory Loft Bridal at (810) 629-7320.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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.

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

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

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.

DOES ANYONE KNOW if Holly is going to opt out on the marijuana law? I pray they will.
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 I’ve ever had. 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 ½, 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 2½ 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.

Do you plan these travels yourself?
The smaller ones, yes, but the extended ones we’ve gone through Enlightened Globe Trecker 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 recognition by looking for flight gate numbers. While flying, we practice 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 a 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.
‘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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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).

For Fenton and Linden library information, go to thegdl.org

For information for Holly, go to hollytownshiplibrary.org

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of Leonard Cohen’s “Hallelujah.”

At the time of writing, the song was circulating widely on social media, and it had been adapted for use in a variety of contexts. The author of the article notes that the song has been used to inspire students to be creative, and that it has been a hit among parents and educators.

The author also mentions that the song has been adapted for use in a variety of contexts, including classrooms and homes. The song is said to have been used to inspire students to be creative, and that it has been a hit among parents and educators.

The Snow Day Challenge #5

“Bring cut-out snowflakes to school to use as decorations.”

Summary

The Snow Day Challenge was a great success, with over 700,000 hits and inspiring many students to be creative. The activities brought our family together, and encouraged students, parents and teachers to get creative. The Snow Day Challenge is a great way to keep students engaged and inspired, and to build a sense of community and togetherness.
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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.

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 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 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 calorieab.com. A can of Miller Lite is 96 calories, while a regular Budweiser is 145 at 5 percent alcohol.

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

Dogfish Head120 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

BEER PRICES
Miller Lite
30-pack, 12 ounce cans $18.99, plus deposit
Price per can: $0.63

Bell’s Two-Hearted Ale
12-pack, 12-ounce cans $15.99, plus deposit
Price per can: $1.33

Source: totalwine.com
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.

**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 (current $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.

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**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

- **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?

**VERA HOGAN**

*Institute for Highway Safety Fatality Facts*

**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-lin-er 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 saying 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 softer salt, which was being loaded by a guy who should have not been working outside during a state of emergency. Don’t be bad custo-mers. Just wait a couple days or get it yourself.
TOP 10 FOOTBALL PLAYERS

By Vera Hogan

Can you guess who they are by their nicknames?

#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.

#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.

#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.

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.

#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.

#5 “Sweetness”
This running back played with the Chicago Bears from 1975 to 1987. He was called “Bubba” as a child, and Jackson State fans called him “Little Monk” and “Spider-Man.” Eventually, they thought of “Sugarman,” and a twist on that nickname became permanent.

#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.

#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.

#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.”

#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.
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.

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.

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 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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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 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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DABBLINGS

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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.
SUPER BOWL
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should be a national holiday. In fact, in 2013 a Fantasy Football site tried to
swipe up some free publicity by send-
ing President Barack Obama a petition
to proclaim the Monday after the Super
Bowl a national holiday. The argument,
which organizers call a

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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, taking in thousands of unwanted animals every year. These high numbers are the result of unplanned litters.

Spaying, also known as neutering, can help keep animal numbers in check. American Humane Society says spaying is a general term used to describe the ovariohysterectomy 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 pet owners adopt 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.

- Improved animal health: Spaying can help prevent uterine infections and breast cancer in female pets. Neutering males can help avoid the need to roam.
- 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 alterations with other animals as well as traffic. Such animals also may get lost.
- Responsible breeding: American Humane says 25 percent of shelter dogs are pure-bred. 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.

**BEST CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES**

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

**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 spoonsful onto ungreased pans.
3. Bake for about 10 minutes in the preheated oven, or until edges are nicely browned.

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