

Ten years later, Randa still missing

■ No tips, no leads, no suspects; Jawhari family frustrated

By Sharon Stone

It's been a long 10 years for the family of Randa Jawhari of Fenton. She was reported missing Feb. 11, 2009 after talking to her sister, Fadia Jawhari,

at about 11:30 p.m. on Feb. 10.

Randa, 52, was 42 years old when she disappeared from her apartment at 3464 Shiawassee Ave., ¼ mile east of U.S. 23. Fadia was the last family member to

speak with Randa. Fadia said at the time that Randa was weak, and she has been diagnosed as

See RANDA on 7A



Randa Jawhari

“Bottom line, we are all broken hearted.”

Diana Anderson
Randa Jawhari's sister



The Jawhari family gathers for a Crime Stoppers news conference in February 2012. Randa has been missing since 2009. Times file photo



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'Everyone's passing the buck'

Sawyer Jewelers owner says builder, inspectors, city and state at fault for Cornerstone flooding

By Sally Rummel

It literally began “raining buckets” Thursday evening, Jan. 31, inside Sawyer Jewelers, in downtown Fenton’s Cornerstone building, 134 N. LeRoy St.

“My phone started blowing up with calls, quite a few from firefighters,” said Chip Beltinck, owner of Sawyer Jewelers, located on the first floor of the Cornerstone building.

The Fenton Fire Department responded to a call from Sawyer Jewelers’ alarm company at 9:10 p.m. **See CORNERSTONE on 12A**

Chip Beltinck, owner of Sawyer Jewelers, stands in his gutted Cornerstone building storefront Wednesday, Feb. 6. Residents and business owners have experienced flooding due to ruptured sprinkler systems in cold weather. Photo: Tim Jagielo

Ice, ceiling cave-ins and flooding plague downtown condos

By Vera Hogan

Is it the fault of the builder, the contractor, the city, the state inspectors who claimed everything was good to go — or simply Mother Nature?

Regardless of who’s to blame, the residents and business owners in the downtown Fenton building are faced with months of clean up and repairs,

after the pipes burst on the third floor Thursday night, Jan. 31, causing ceilings to cave in and produce mass destruction down below.

On Wednesday, Feb. 6, Dr. Kimberly Eustache, the first Cornerstone condominium owner, moved the last of her belongings out of her gutted **See FLOODING on 16A**



Kimberly Eustache takes the last of her belongings out of her Cornerstone condo due to flooding.

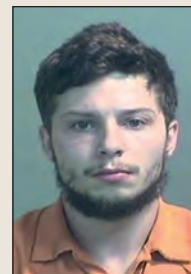
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Argentine shooter accepts guilty plea

■ 22-year-old will be sentenced in March

By Hannah Ball

The 22-year-old Argentine Township man who shot and killed Christopher Baldwin, 28, accepted a guilty plea in Genesee County **See GUILTY on 14A**



Floyd Bryon Blalock Jr.

“If parents don’t want their children to be vaccinated, they should be home-schooled. They should not be allowed to attend any school. Public safety first.”



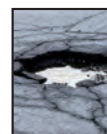
“To the USPS commenter. It’s snow, rain, heat or gloom of night. It says nothing about minus 17 degrees, real temperatures with wind chills to minus 45 degrees. Maybe you should apply to the post office so you can chance frostbite to deliver our mail. God bless our great post office.”



“We have to change our verbiage if we as a society are going to start valuing all of our children. A pregnant woman isn’t ‘expecting a child’ — she already has one. She isn’t ‘going to be a mother’ — she already is one. The baby isn’t ‘on the way’ — it’s already arrived.”



“Our streets and roads are almost disintegrated to the point of being rubble and someone actually thinks we want a \$14 million bike path? Is this a joke or is someone actually that clueless with regard to common sense and prioritizing?”



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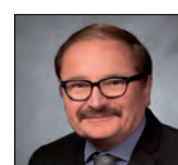
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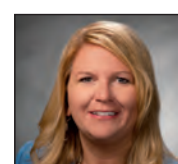
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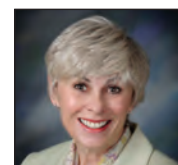
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'Resale retail' is hot rising trend

■ Even in strong economy, people buy from thrift, resale and consignment stores for value, sustainability

By Sally Rummel

The hottest trend in shopping this year may be resale retail, making something old become new again for your home or closet.

Whether you shop in consignment stores, resale or thrift shops, this trend has become a national phenomenon, as customers re-use and re-purpose items that might otherwise end up in landfills.

For some resale shoppers, it's a sustainability issue; for others, it's the "thrill of the hunt." Some are in search of vintage items or things that have meaning in their lives.

Even in a strong economy, resale shoppers are looking for value, unique one-of-a-kind items and quality. It's the exact opposite of the times when thrift shops boomed when the economy was down and people shopped there out of necessity, according to a recent story in The Detroit News.

"Our customers really want cool things, but they don't want to pay a ton for them," said Allen Ryckman, owner of Community Threads of Fenton, a thrift-resale shop that opened in November, 2017. "They'd rather save their money for experiences, not 'stuff.'"

Last week, he sold The NorthFace, Marmot, UGG and Hunter brands, all brand new, at a fraction of the regular retail price, from a handful of his close-out sources. "This week, it's brand new area rugs that were retail priced at \$200 on up and are for sale for \$40 to \$100," he said.

Thrift stores, which were once viewed as a



Shopping resale retail is one of the most popular trends in consumerism, as customers flock to re-use and re-purpose items for their homes and closets. Here, Rashelle Miller of Linden shops at Community Threads in Fenton with her children during a snow day. Photo: Tim Jagielo

place where people shopped when they couldn't afford to shop at regular retail, have totally upped their image. Now they're attracting shoppers with more financial means, who have different priorities than from generations past.

Today's resale shops now tend to offer a more upscale shopping experience than in years past, with lots of light, clean and organized shelves and racks.

Mirror Image Consignment is one example of a resale store that has created an image of quality in an upscale atmosphere. "About 25 percent of what I take in with clothing and accessories are new with tags on them," said owner Debra Meek. "My store does exceptionally well because people are very mindful of being thrifty. They can get amazing qual-

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Allen Ryckman

Community Threads of Fenton owner

ity for a discounted price."

With a demographic of women from 25 to 60-plus, Meek said she has noticed a lot more younger people coming in. She has also doubled her consignor list since opening three-and-a-half years ago, now numbering more than 4,100.

She also believes people like to support resale shops with a cause. At Mirror Image, it's Wigs for Wonderful Women. She'll give a free wig to any woman in need because of a medical issue, whether

See **THRIFT** on 9A



Hidden apps used by teens

■ Calculator app requires secret pass code to access hidden photos, messages

By Hannah Ball

Hidden apps, also known as "ghost" apps, are resources kids use to hide conversations and photos from parents and adults.

As technology improves, the methods of cyberbullying and child pornography have become more high-tech. Online predators will often monitor minors' social media, such as Twitter and Instagram, start a conversation with them, and become friends with them.

See **HIDDEN APPS** on 14A



Spy Calc looks like a calculator and works as one, but if you put in a certain code, you can unlock hidden photos and videos. Another app, Hide It Pro, can hide other troubling apps your child doesn't want you to see. These are called camouflage apps. Photo: www.appcrawl.com

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Come *Heller* high water...

• **I'm curious what** others thought of Consumers Energy's Super Bowl apology commercial. Nice of them? Self-serving? Sincere and heartfelt? Insult to injury, in that you and I will end up paying for whatever they spent on the spot? Where do you come down on this? If I'm being honest, my immediate reaction was "You should have used the money you spent on the commercial on whatever equipment or process would have prevented the fire in the first place." I've softened the last few days, however. Stuff happens, after all.



Andrew Heller
FEATURED COLUMNIST

And CEO Patti Poppe seemed genuinely sincere. Nice job on her part. (Can I have a \$5 rebate, though?)

• **Maybe I watch** too much TV, but I've started to notice trends.

Last week, for instance, I mentioned how many Queen songs are used in commercials since the movie came out. Lately, it's Dylan songs. They're in four or five commercials lately. Have you noticed? Now that I've told you, maybe you will.

• **Another thing I** notice is the dramatic pause TV news people use at the end of each report. Listen for it. They pause for a beat at the end of each report, as in, "And that's how the elephant ... escaped the circus." Do broadcast schools teach this?

• **A new study** says men's brains age faster than women's. This will not surprise any woman I know. It doesn't surprise me either. I've always thought women were superior creatures who only tolerate our existence because they're also nicer than us.

• **Before Liam Neeson's** stunning comment about seeking out an African-American to kill after a family member was raped, I had a line written for the column about his new movie "Cold Pursuit" that went, "Neeson is a wonderful actor, but he sure picks lousy movies to star in." Now I just think he's

another closet racist jerk.

• **Shouldn't grocery stores** north of say the 35th parallel have snow tires on their shopping carts?

• **Do you want** to know why our roads stink? Here's why: A four-person group of top, former Michigan politicians, two Dems and two Republicans, released a plan this week to actually and finally fix the roads, and people online from both parties (but mostly one party) trashed it. Their plan would raise the gas tax by 47 cents over nine years to raise \$2.5 billion, which is what's needed to do the job. Most motorists would never notice the 4-5 cent per gallon yearly increase, but still they griped. Which tells me we really don't want better roads. So shouldn't we also stop complaining?

• **Gotta say that** I really, really dislike (I'm trying to ween myself off the word hate) MSU's uniforms with the neon green letters. I'll bet you do, too.

• **Jeff Bezos, the** richest guy in the world and founder of Amazon, is accusing the National Enquirer of trying to blackmail him. I hope it's true, not because I like Bezos but because the National Enquirer is true trash and actual fake news.

• **Unicode, the nonprofit** that oversees emojis, issued 59 new ones this week, including one for menstruation and another for what Trump was accused of having. Why anyone would want to use either is beyond me, but hey, that's me.

• **I wonder if** we'll someday have enough emojis that someone will write an entire novel with them?

• **"Winter is nature's** way of saying, 'Up yours.'" — Robert Byrne

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“I've always thought women were superior creatures who only tolerate our existence because they're also nicer than us.”

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DESPITE RECENT CLAIMS to the contrary, Democrats do want open borders. Pay attention to deeds, not rhetoric. They are organizing Central American caravans, promoting amnesty for Dreamers, blocking citizenship question on census polls, creating sanctuary cities, vilifying ICE and suing to repeal immigration law.

• **'AMERICA WILL NEVER** be a socialist country!' Trump just got my 2020 vote.

• **TO THOSE WHO** are sympathetic to the government workers. They are some of the highest paid workers in the country. They will get back pay. I know a lot of government workers who went to work and never came home; they're called soldiers. Think about it.

• **NO, I DON'T** like Pelosi flying to three countries when she should have been in Washington working to reopen the government. Comparing that to the first lady and son flying to Florida on a government jet (she should fly domestic?) is apples to oranges and you know it.

• **DO YOU REMEMBER** when: 1) Democrats protected people and babies from harm; 2) Dems supported strong borders, military, police, and U.S. laws; 3) Dems supported working people with jobs, fair taxes and trade deals; and 4) Dems cared for America and citizens. How things have changed.

THE NTSHA SAID for 2017 that 30 deaths every day resulting from drunk driving or 10,950 a year happen on U.S. roads. A person with the GAO (Government Accountability Office) states 12 murders a day by documented and undocumented immigrants.

• **I LAUGHED FOR** 10 minutes when I read Foster Childs' article on 'UP' in the Wednesday paper. Keep it up Foster. We all need a laugh these days.

• **THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN** Melania's trip on a government jet during the shutdown and Pelosi's during the same period is simple. Pelosi should have been in Washington working to end the shutdown as the Speaker of the House.

• **MY MAGA HAT** is just a hat with a campaign slogan. You must be a mind reader to think you know what's in my mind or heart when I wear it. Liberals don't like profiling unless they're the ones doing it.

• **ABOUT \$11 BILLION** was lost on the government shutdown. Congress could have given Trump \$5.6 billion to protect Americans and save \$5.4 billion for the taxpayers but they would rather attack Trump. Democrats should remove Pelosi now or we will replace them in 2020.

• **MIDWINTER UPDATE: 2018** likely was the fourth warmest year on record. After last week's deep freeze, it seems like it was a long time ago, but it turns out 2018 likely will go down as the fourth warmest year on record.

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Debbie Prower
Linden



"I met Rick Leach at the Crisler Arena about four or five years ago."

Rick Prower
Linden



"I met 2 Chainz about five years ago at a blue carpet event."

Sam Winsor
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"I met Sally Struthers once. We were at Disney World in 1998."

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'Bus surfers' are a danger nationwide

■ Abduction of Wisconsin girl brings new awareness to those preying on students at school bus stops

By Vera Hogan

You might have seen and heard John Walsh on TV a few weeks ago. He was talking with George Stephanopoulos on Good Morning America about his new show on Investigation Discovery channel called "In Pursuit." It is a series regarding missing children.

They were talking about the 13-year-old Wisconsin girl, Jayme Cross, who escaped her captor and was found after being abducted on Oct. 15, 2018. Her abductor killed both of her parents and is now in custody. He reportedly had been watching Jayme at her bus stop, learning where she lived and other details in advance of his alleged crimes.

Stephanopoulos asked Walsh if this was unusual and Walsh said, on the contrary it is very common across the coun-



Jayme Cross, 13, of Wisconsin was abducted after being watched at her bus stop. Her abductor killed both her parents and held her captive until she escaped on Oct. 15, 2018.

try. They call these people "bus surfers."

Walsh's work in finding missing children began with his own search in 1981 when his son, Adam, was kidnapped from a Sears at the Hollywood Mall during a shopping trip with his mother, Reve. The story made national headlines and galvanized people to help search for the

6-year-old boy, who was found later, murdered.

Bus surfers will follow school buses, looking for what they like. Does that kid go home alone? Does that kid get off at a bus stop and have to walk quarter of a mile, half a mile, or more? Where does this kid live? Is anyone home after school?

Research, for the last 10 years, shows that the most vulnerable time for a stranger abduction is on the way to school, from the bus stop to school and back in the afternoon.

Local incidents

While there have not been too many incidents reported to police in recent years locally, there have been some. In May of 2018, an incident involving a suspicious pickup truck at a bus stop was reported to Fenton police.

In October of 2017, a Fenton High School student reported to police that

the driver of a commercial van approached her twice on Thursday, Sept. 28 on LeRoy Street in Fenton. The student was able to take a photo of the van as it drove away.

In October 2016, there were multiple claims of creepy clowns walking along roads at nighttime, some attempting to lure children into the woods and others threatening people with harm.

In 2014, the Fenton Police Department reported that a Fenton High School student was approached by a possible male wearing dark clothing,

a hoodie and a cloth mask near South Adelaide Street and Hillview Terrace. The individual grabbed the student by the arm, however, the student kicked the individual and ran away without further incident.

In all the above cases, students did the right thing and there were no actual abductions.

Although there were no complaints in 2018, Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter offered some safety tips for students: Arrive at the bus stop at least five minutes early. The bus stop is not a place to run or play. When the school bus arrives, your child should wait until the bus comes to a complete stop, the door opens, and the driver says it's okay before approaching the bus door. Your child should use the handrails to avoid falling. Never walk behind a school bus. Your child should also make eye contact with the bus driver before crossing to make sure the driver can see him/her.

"At Holly Area Schools, the safety of our students is our first priority, and we encourage parents to teach their children to say no to strangers and contact police immediately if they see or observe any suspicious behavior," said Superintendent Scott Roper.

On Sept. 10 of last year, a man driving a pick-up truck put on a mask and tried to make contact with students at one of Holly's bus stops. Holly Area Schools immediately contacted police. The Holly Police Department later located and arrested the suspect at a nearby gas station. No students were injured. Their transportation team is also trained to immediately report any suspicious or inappropriate behavior at or near their bus stops.

"Our transportation department conducts bus safety training and drills with our students every year as part of our commitment to student safety before, during and after school," Roper said. "At our annual Health and Wellness Fair, students and parents have the opportunity to tour buses and learn about school bus safety."

"All Holly Area Schools general education buses have cameras. We recently upgraded our bus camera systems to include four cameras for a front-to-back view," he said. "We will be launching a pilot program next school year that uses an outside camera to monitor oncoming traffic."

Lake Fenton Superintendent Julie Williams said, "In previous years we have had some individuals report a strange vehicle near a bus stop and we always report it to our local police to investigate. We have not had any reports recently."

"Students are taught about stranger danger in school beginning in kindergarten," she said.



Whiplash Treatment & Michigan No Fault

■ By Erica Rainer



The weather has been a blast of cold, icy, wintery conditions here in Michigan over the last few weeks but hey we live in Michigan right, it's to be expected.

As a matter of fact, there are over 300,000 Automobile Crashes every year in Michigan and of those, almost 60,000 are in Genesee, Oakland and Livingston counties combined. Each one of them leaves drivers and passengers alike stunned, sore and asking a few questions. The first usually is, "Who is going to pay for the damage to my vehicle?" Shortly thereafter, as pain in your neck or back begins to creep up, perhaps even from whiplash, the question turns into, "How will I get this pain taken care of and who will pay for treatment?" Dr. James Ide is an expert at diagnosing and treating Auto Accident Injuries utilizing chiropractic corrective care therapies. And, when it comes to payment, the personal injury protection on your Michigan Auto Insurance policy will cover the costs for your care even if it is deemed that the accident was your fault due to the Michigan No Fault insurance, which is mandated here in the state. **No Fault Insurance pays for your medical expenses** and your passengers no matter who or what caused the accident.

Dr. Ide and his Spinal Care Team can expertly document and treat Michigan area auto injury cases from their Fenton office. Some of the services Dr. Ide and his team offer at Painless Chiropractic are spinal decompression, chiropractic adjustments, whiplash rehabilitation, special neuropathy, knee pain and sciatica protocols, and many other pain-relieving techniques that are

sure to help injuries from your auto accident heal. **Painless Chiropractic of Fenton** doesn't just focus on Automobile Injuries alone. Though extremely successful in crash injury treatment, Dr. Ide and his team are able to diagnose and treat back pain as well as back injuries, neck injuries (including whiplash), headache, shoulder injuries, elbow, wrist, hand, knee and hip injuries, and even ankle and foot injuries along with a very long list of symptoms and dis-ease in adults and children. If you are interested in learning more about treatment options available to you and your family, I encourage you to call the office at **810-618-6380** to set up a some special one on one time with Dr. Ide and his staff for a consultation to see if they can help you, just as they have helped so many of our surrounding neighbors.

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Dr. James Ide, DC

injured in an auto accident in the Genesee, Oakland or Livingston area, don't wait— call the office of Dr. James Ide and his Spinal Care Team today for a Free Whiplash Evaluation (Mention Code:TIMES2019 for this special offer) at Painless Chiropractic in Fenton, and let's get you on the road to recovery immediately. The office is located at 2803 W. Silver Lake Rd in Fenton, right off of the US-23 express way (on the East Side of US-23) on the corner of Fenway and Silver Lake Rd., in the Classic Corners Plaza.

"Since auto related injuries are often times not noticed for days, weeks and at times even years later we always encourage everyone to get proper evaluations for soft tissue damage right away, while it can still be clearly linked to the auto accident so the insurance pays for it, like they are supposed to. Once the pain sparks up months later it is very difficult to prove it was related to the accident," said Dr. Ide. Luckily their team has agreed to team up with us and provide area readers with this special offer for a **Free Whiplash Evaluation (Mention Code TIMES2019)** just be sure to bring in this newspaper article with you on your first visit and mention the code when you call **Dr. Ide's Fenton office at 810-618-6380**. Stay safe out there on the roads this week and be sure to watch for our next article on Neuropathy Treatment Options!



Randa Jawhari lived in one unit of this four-unit apartment complex on W. Shiawassee Avenue, approximately one-quarter mile east of where the road becomes Runyan Lake Road. Her apartment building can be seen from U.S. 23. *Times file photo*

RANDA

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bipolar and with other medical conditions.

Randa's mother Anisse Jawhari was caring for Randa's daughter at the time because of Randa's health. After dropping the young girl off at school, she drove to Randa's apartment to check on her at 8:30 a.m. The apartment was empty.

The coffee pot was cold and the chair Randa always sat in while smoking cigarettes was cold. There were no signs of a struggle inside the apartment.

Family members gathered at The Freedom Center on Feb. 11, 2009 to hold a news conference and to plead for any information on Randa's whereabouts. They believed that Randa would likely have been wearing a blue bath robe since it was missing. A brown jacket also was missing. Randa did not own a cell phone or car and depended on Your Ride and family to take her places. She missed an appointment the morning of Feb. 11, 2009 when Your Ride arrived at her empty apartment.

Randa is described as a white female, brown hair, 5-feet, 1-inch tall and weighs approximately 100 pounds.

Less than a week after her disappearance, more than 100 volunteers joined in on a search of the area. The K-9 One Search and Rescue, a volunteer group out of Genesee and Lapeer counties, assisted. Her scent was picked up from her apartment to McDonald's, which she frequently walked to.

Fenton police took part in a helicopter search of an approximate one-mile area but did not see anything out of the ordinary on the frozen ground.

On the last day family spoke with Randa, Feb. 10, 2009, Fenton police also were in contact with her at 10 a.m. She was reportedly wandering and asking for money at the Owen Road McDonald's restaurant. A Fenton police officer drove her back to her apartment.

Because of her health, Det. Ron Skarzynski (now retired) learned she spent much of her time in Flint participating in programs. He added that it was unknown if she had been taking her medications since she preferred natural treatments and that she had balked at taking her medications in the past.

Approximately one month after her

disappearance, Randa's family had a billboard go up along U.S. 23. Police received few tips, none of which led to anything.

In March 2009, Skarzynski reviewed an enhanced version of video footage captured by a motion detector surveillance camera located at Randa's apartment complex. Nothing new was revealed on the tape, which showed a passenger car entering the parking lot at 5 a.m. and leaving about one minute later. It was so dark outside the car could not be identified. Police do not know for sure if this car is even involved with Randa's disappearance.

A woman that lived in the apartment next to Randa and a man that lived on the other side of Randa were home at the time but told police they did not hear or see anything.

Rewards have been offered for any information leading to Randa's safe return.

In April 2009, Fenton police released a sketch composite of a man linked to Randa. Skarzynski said at the time that a receptionist at a dental office in the area of Court Street and Dort Highway in Flint reported that this man accompanied Randa to the office on multiple occasions. This man has never been identified.

By 2012, Crime Stoppers stepped in to help. A press conference was held at the Fenton police station pleading with viewers to offer any information they had on Randa or the unknown man who accompanied her to the dental office.

Det. Scott Townsend is now the lead investigator on Randa's disappearance. "I want closure for the family," he said.

Townsend is hoping someone will provide an anonymous tip. He said there are so many ways to get a tip to police, by mail, email, phone, even a Hot line sent to the Times. Anyone can submit an anonymous tip to police department using the city's website, cityoffenton.org or by calling (810) 629-5311. Anonymous tips also can be submitted to Crime Stoppers' website at 1800speakup.org or crimestoppersofflint.com.

Randa's DNA and dental records have been entered into all of the missing persons databases.

"Someone knows something," he said. "She didn't just walk away and disappear."

A forever-changed family

Diana Anderson, 47, of Linden, is Randa's younger sister. "It's hard to believe it's been 10 years," Anderson said. "Her disappearance has changed all of our lives. There isn't one day that goes by that I don't think about her and wonder if today is the day we are going to hear something."

"It's changed the way I look at people. I always wonder, could they know something? It's changed our family. We all go through different emotions at different times, some want to have a memorial and move on and some are still holding out hope she is out there and is going to return to us."

"Bottom line, we are all broken hearted. We want my mom to get closure and know what happened to her daughter. The 9th of February also marks my dad's fourth anniversary of his death and knowing he died not knowing what happened to Randa, grieves me at a different level."

HOT LINE CONTINUED

EVEN IF ABORTIONS are completely illegal, they will continue to happen but just become very unsafe. They have happened for all of history. Stop being so emotional and illogical.

THE ARTICLE 'GLOBAL warming responsible for freezing temps' cited a theoretical astrophysicist (and cosmologist) to proselyte on weather/climate. I would rather take climate advice from an astrologer and cosmologist. Why wasn't Dr. Roy Spencer — real climate scientist cited?

THE BITTER PARTISANSHIP of the past two years was on full display Tuesday just hours before President Donald Trump was to call for optimism and unity in his State of the Union address.

I GUESS THERE is no art of the deal when you're dealing with the likes of Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer. She cost the federal government \$11 billion when the President was only asking for \$5 billion. Take a math class, guys.

AN ANSWER TO the question about the wall when everything controlled by Republicans. They didn't have the 60 votes in the Senate.

THE GREAT WALL of China was built by slaves to keep out people on horseback. I'd like to think we've gotten a little wiser since then.

ANSWER FOR COMMENT of the week in the Wednesday paper. He should have been able to get it but we had too many Rinos in office. Not all Republicans, but like McCain who destroyed the possibility of getting rid of Obamacare even though he said he was going to vote yes.

BUSINESS BRIEFS



The State Bank promotes assistant vice president

The State Bank has announced the promotion of Sarah Emery as the company's newest assistant

vice president for the wealth management division. Emery will continue to be responsible for managing day-to-day marketing and sales operations for The State Wealth Advisors, including the interaction with business partners and consumers to expand relationships with existing customers, as well as nurturing new relationships. Emery joined The State Bank in 2013 as a Certified Financial Planner and Insurance Advisor after 13 years with the Hantz Group. She continues to oversee the training of their financial advisors, consults with clients in developing financial plans, tax strategies, insurance reviews and investment advisory. "I have enjoyed representing The State Wealth Advisors over the past five years. I am honored to work at a company that recognizes and appreciates their employees," Emery said. Dennis Leyder, senior vice president said, "With Sarah's vast financial experience, we have been able to expand our wealth management business. As the sales and marketing manager for The State Wealth Advisors, Sarah has expanded our financial products and services to meet our customer's future goals."

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

MARL DRIVE HAS turned into a Jerry Springer show.

‘WITH A WALL, crime will fall, but Democrats seem to ignore it all. Criminals, gangs, guns, and drugs are welcomed to the U.S. by liberal thugs. Immigration reforms will protect our domain and are needed right now to Make America Great Again.’

TO THE PERSON wanting to hear from someone in the Trump crowd. They couldn't build the wall before because you need 60 votes in the Senate. They only had 51 so the Democrats have been obstructing since way back. Did you sleep through civics class?

REGARDING VERA HOGAN'S climate change article. This winter, the North Pole is tilted at its maximum angle toward the sun in its 26,000-year cycle. This means more sunlight in the northern hemisphere, every winter, for many decades to come. In another 13,000 years, the reverse happens. It is called Precession of the Equinoxes.

IT AMAZES ME that you politicians have the sheer audacity to spend \$14 million on a trailway when your town has the worst roads imaginable. How can you have the nerve to face your constituents?

NO, WHAT'S SAD is you think Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is smart merely because she went to college. And who do you think invented the cell phone?

PRESIDENT TRUMP DIDN'T get funding for the wall when Republicans controlled everything because most of the Republicans are part of the swamp; they hate him as much as the Democrats do. They can't stand to see him accomplish what they should have accomplished long ago.

VIRGINIA LT. GOVERNOR is credibly accused of rape and the Democrat left goes silent. Where is the #metoo outrage?

FOR THE MILLIONTH time, I never said, 'Teens are smarter than everyone else.' You have proven that they are smarter than you though. Unlike you, most of them can read.

IN ACT-DEFYING LOGIC, a Hot-line submitter continues to be baffled by the word 'you.' Words sure are confusing when you get all upset, aren't they?

WHAT YOU MISSED IN THE MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following are stories you may have missed in the **Wednesday, Feb. 6, Midweek Times**. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

Fenton Township out \$2.3 million in revenue sharing

Linden out \$1.3 million; Argentine Township out \$1.1 million since 2003

Egg and nest destruction allowed on Lake Fenton

Board rejects program that would allow DNR to euthanize shoot, suffocate Mute swans.

A memorial park to honor veterans in planning stages

Freedom Park on Shiawassee Avenue could be revamped and renamed.

Burst pipes close two Holly school buildings

Karl Richter Campus damaged by water. Rose Pioneer Elementary School closed due to burst pipe.

Chili, beer and fun raise \$5,500 for fireworks

Lobdell Lake Chili Cook Off brings 2,000 to the lake with ideal weather and plenty of ice.

Police and social media

Officers not allowed to post obscene language or disclose association with department. This is second in a series about social media policies.

Our Future

Meet Brianna Johnson, a 17-year-old senior at Lake Fenton High School.



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THRIFT

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it's hair loss, or chemotherapy-related. Her daughter, Chelsea, a hair stylist, will provide a new cut and style.

Not only are there more resale shoppers now; donations are coming in at a record pace, thanks to the popularity of the Netflix show, "Tidying Up with Marie Kondo." Kondo, a Japanese organizational consultant, advocates that items which don't "spark joy" be donated or given away.

This craze is all over social media, encouraging people to "tidy up" around their homes.

The new emphasis on sustainability has struck a chord with younger people, who are shopping at resale stores in record numbers. Millennials are the most likely age group to buy resale, and 40 percent of shoppers between the ages of 18 and 24 did so last year, according to Women's Wear Daily.

"The average demographic of my customer is a female in her 30s," Ryckman said. "It's so cool to see customers being able to decorate and freshen up their homes and closets at a fraction of the retail price."

NEWS BRIEFS

NEW CEMETERY RATES GO INTO EFFECT FEB. 1

On Feb. 4 the Fenton City Council held a 6:30 p.m. meeting, rescheduled from Jan. 28, which was cancelled due to inclement weather. At the earlier meeting, officials voted in favor of the Oakwood Cemetery rate increases. The increases were made effective Feb. 1. According to Public Works Director Dan Czarnecki, 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. Rates have not increased in 10 years, since 2008. The new rate for opening and closing an adult grave is now \$600. It is now \$300 for a child grave, \$200 for an infant, \$225 for cremains, and 65 cents per square foot of a foundation.

Our Town

Karen Healy

- Former superintendents' secretary at Fenton schools
- Holly Military Library volunteer
- Mother, grandma, great-grandma

By Sally Rummel

Karen Healy of Tyrone Township has been retired since 2004 after a 20-year career as secretary for the superintendent at Fenton Area Public Schools, serving four superintendents. She has also worked as executive secretary for Citizens Bank, Kelly Girls, Atlas Automation and GM Proving Grounds. Healy and her husband, Doug, have been married for 54 years and have four adult children, seven grandchildren and one step-great-grandson.

How did you and Doug meet?

He and I were neighbors in Flint and have known each other for 68 years. We really didn't date until he came home from serving in the Army and told me I was the only single person left, so he married me.

Do you like to travel?

When I was growing up, our family spent vacations camping at Higgins Lake with aunts, uncles and cousins. Doug and I camped at Higgins Lake with our children and now they enjoy camping in the state park, also.

Vacations are now more leisurely, including cruises to the eastern, southern and western Caribbean islands. We also took a cruise on the Danube River. An upcoming river cruise on the Rhine starts in Paris and ends up at the Swiss Alps. We also took a land tour of Ireland in 2017.

How did you get involved with the Military Library in Holly?

In November 2017, Doug was visiting the Holly Area Veterans Resource Center and I overheard a conversation about a volunteer being needed. I became interested and volunteered to set up their military library on a database.

This lending library is considered to be the only one of its kind in Michigan, consisting of about 2,500 books from all



Karen Healy of Tyrone Township had a career as an executive secretary, and uses those skills to build the Military Library database at the Holly Veterans Resource Center. Photo: Tim Jagielo

war periods, aviation, American history, world history and over 500 novels.

How long did it take you to do this work?

About five months, working three to 12 hours a week. I started with zilch knowledge about setting up a library, and only processed 30 books my first day. After gaining some simple library understanding, I was able to process 130 books a day. Dale Lage, my assistant, helped a lot.

What new hobby or skill would you like to learn if you could do it all over again?

When I was younger, I wished I would have taken flying lessons and become a pilot.

If you could meet anyone, living or deceased, who would it be?

Charles Stewart Mott. I rode in an elevator with him as a young girl. Anyone who could accomplish in life what he did would be fascinating to talk to.

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

In my spare time, I like to make rag rugs on a floor loom in my home.

No candy hearts for Valentine's Day?

■ New owner of 117-year-old company doesn't have enough time to produce 'sweethearts'

By Hannah Ball

Disregard the romance, chocolates and flowers. One vital aspect of Valentine's Day will be missing this year — the classic candy sweethearts with phrases.

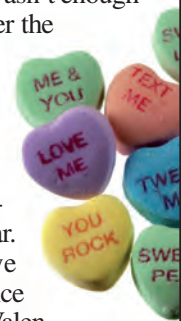
Sweethearts with "Be mine" and "Kiss Me" will not appear on shelves this year.

This is because the company that makes the candy, Necco, was bought by Spangler in 2018. The sale included all of the company's brands, including Necco wafers. Spangler makes Dum Dums and other candies, according to newsweek.com.

Spangler has the rights to produce the candies, but there wasn't enough time to make them after the sale and before Valentine's Day, which is Thursday, Feb. 14.

According to Spangler, approximately eight billion of the candies are made every year. The sweethearts have been on the shelves since 1902, one of the oldest Valentine's Day candies. The phrases have been changed and updated throughout the decades, but the overall look and flavor haven't changed much. Phrases like "E-mail me" and "Fax me" were added as technology advanced.

Necco, and now Spangler, isn't the only company that makes these classic candies. Brach's also makes conversation hearts and should be carried in most stores, although the classic brand will not be available.



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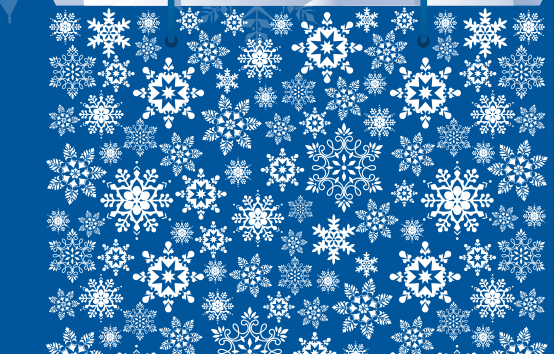
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The leak first happened at unit 301, leaking down to 201, then into Sawyer Jewelers, Cairnduff said.

"It hit the first floor, then a concrete barrier spread the water across that and went outward. That's how it got into Salon 416 (next to Sawyer Jewelers)." Another leak causing even more damage took place at about 1 a.m. after the initial cleanup was done.

The force of the pouring water destroyed Sawyer Jewelers' ceiling, drywall, soffits, the store's handcrafted display cases and more. The damage was less at Salon 416, about \$60,000, said owner Toni Widing, mostly in the ceiling and hair stylist units. She is hoping to re-open Tuesday, Feb. 12.

"Half of the store is salvageable but everything else is lost," Beltinck said. "My (jewelry) cases are all ruined. Those were handmade for the store right here in Michigan. A lot of stuff can't be



This second-floor condo is being gutted. Even the granite counter tops are being removed after water flooded in from above. Photo: Tim Jagielo

replaced for six to seven months. It took over a year to get them the first time."

The one bright note is that all customer jewelry is 100 percent safe, Beltinck said. "We had armed guards here the first few days. I've gone above and beyond to ensure our customers that their jewelry is safe. The damage didn't affect any of our customers' jewelry repairs. You can call our store every day during regular

business hours if you have questions."

Beltinck estimates his store's damage to be at least \$300,000. "Likely more," he said. "This leaves me with a lot of insurance questions. It's going to cover everything, but is it really fair that it should have to? Are they going to drop me when I'm done with this process? Is it fair I should pay 33 percent of the damages in this building when it's not my fault? These are blatant mistakes."

Beltinck said, "The honest truth is that this is the builder's responsibility. It's a double-edged sword. Here's where everyone's passing the buck. It's the builder, it's the inspectors, the city and the state. Someone had to let us open this building. I don't want to make insinuations that aren't true; there needs to be an investigation."

In addition to the stress of the damage at his store are the recurring thoughts he has about why this water damage continues to happen at the Cornerstone building.

"I have to say, I've taken it the worst," Beltinck said, referring to the damage at his store compared to other Cornerstone businesses that have been affected by broken pipes in the four years the building has been open. "Four years, four catastrophes," he said.

Both Sagano Japanese Bistro & Steakhouse and The Rough Draught at the north end of Cornerstone building have experienced water damage, as recently as Jan. 20, when a leak in unit 308 trickled down to 208 then to The Rough Draught. "They were back open late the next day," Cairnduff said. "The second and third floor condos were heavily damaged

and the occupants have been relocated by their insurance companies."

Sagano Japanese Bistro & Steakhouse was damaged last year, but was out of business for less than 24 hours, said Jim Teuber, one of the Sagano business partners. "For us, it was very minimal because we have mostly hard surfaces," he said.

He sees these water issues in the Cornerstone building as "growing pains" as the management company works out issues with fire suppression that are part of the fire code, "even on balconies where they don't allow grills," he said.

The property management company is Piper Management Group in Flint. The Cornerstone homeowners association is managed through them, according to condo owners Richard and Chanel Licata. (See related story in this edition.)

"They've made minor modifications in units with balconies; preventive stuff we thought was going to help solve the problem," Teuber said. "We have people not living there who turn their thermostats down to 50 degrees and think it's going to be alright. That rule of thumb doesn't apply any more. It's a weather issue, too. There were pipes burst everywhere, not just here."

These answers aren't good enough for Beltinck or Widing.

"What if I told you you weren't going to get paid for a month, and you have employees to pay," Beltinck said. "Now I have nothing. I'd like to see the builders shut down their operations for a month. It's a builder issue and an inspection issue. What if you took everything in your whole world and put it in this one box, and now it's gone. This is my life."

Beltinck has other strong words for the new Cornerstone building, now known as 111 Leroy Place, slated to begin construction this spring. This also is a Corlin Builders project. "I don't think they (the city of Fenton) should be allowed to build the other building until they fix this one. It's just really sad. Instead of reassuring us, the city is dodging the bullet."

Widing said, "It's going to happen again.

I worry about what's going to happen to our property values, too. First, we want to get our buildings back together. Then we want something done for us. The builder did things way too cheaply and now we're paying the price."

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Does your home have secrets?

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By Sally Rummel

Home inspectors, Realtors, repairmen, professional organizers and cable installers — any professionals who come into your home likely all have something in common: they know things about your home that might surprise other people.

No worries, most professionals will keep your secrets safe, but you still might want to think ahead when a person you don't know will be poking around your home in some of its darkest places.

Mark Mustola, who has owned Value-Check Home Inspections in Fenton for 25 years, shares a few “weird” items he has found in homes throughout southeast Michigan, in addition to a few added from Reader's Digest:

Build around the boulder

If you can't move the mountain, then build around it, right? This boulder was found during a routine home inspection and had obviously been there long before the home was built. (See photo)

Fluffy's final resting place

Since Fluffy couldn't leap up to the couch anymore once she passed on, her owners had her stuffed and gave Fluffy a permanent resting place on their couch. (See photo)

Other pet cemeteries

Usually, remains of a favorite family pet aren't out for the world to see, unless the home has a trophy room or other such display area for prized catches, hunts, etc.

But basements and crawl spaces can be pretty scary places, because you never know what you might find.

One building inspector found seven patched holes in the concrete floor in the basement. He had no explanation for them, but the adult children of the deceased homeowners cleared up the mystery.

It was a pet cemetery/burial ground for every pet the family ever had. The adult children didn't think that was weird at all, and wanted the potential homebuyers to agree to never disturb the home's make-shift pet burial ground. The potential buyers were creeped out and canceled the contract.

Cutting corners

One ingenious homeowner couldn't quite make the dryer fit into the laundry space, so he cut the dryer door to make it fit.

Multi-tasking in the bathroom

Here's one unique toilet roll set-up that provided entertainment “on the go” for a homeowner who was having his home inspected. (See photo)

Squeaky clean septic field

One local building inspector didn't expect to find a washing machine being used as a septic tank.

Creepy crawlers

It's not uncommon to find insect infestations, rodents or in one case, a family of raccoons that had taken up residence in an attic — nesting, urinating, dropping



If you have an obstacle at your home, just build around it like this homeowner. Submitted photo



So your beloved pet died? You can always stuff Fluffy for a forever memory. Submitted photo



Here's some bathroom entertainment on-the-go. Submitted photo

feces and generally making a big, smelly, dangerous mess.

Caught in the act

In one dark, spooky shed in a home's backyard, an inspector was starting a termite inspection when he saw the head of a creature pop up under the shelf in the shed. Startled, he shouted for a co-worker and together, they contacted the fire department.

It wasn't just any snake: it was a rattlesnake and there were two of them, caught in the act of mating. Luckily, the home crisis of a having a whole family of rattlesnakes to contend with ended with that inspection.

Ante up

When building inspectors check out any equipment with a control panel, they never know what they might find. It might

be ants, “lots and lots of ants,” or maybe it has been taken over by wildlife — mice nests, frogs or snakes.

Roasted rodents

Furnaces are important areas to inspect, and a furnace is also a popular spot for rodents to explore. One inspector found dead bodies of bats, squirrels and mice that had been electrocuted.

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HIDDEN APPS

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These predators will “catfish” these kids, meaning they’ll use photos of a young boy, to trick the kids into thinking they’re talking to someone they’re not. They will invite these children to join online chat rooms or talk via ghost apps, where they oftentimes ask the child to send them a nude or sexy photo.

Child pornography is illegal to have on a device, even if the owner of the device is the one in the photo.

Ghost apps

Det. Sgt. Lizabeth Rich with the Michigan State Police is on the Cyber Computer Crimes Unit/Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

“The most popular app we see is the calculator app,” she said. “We see it mostly with teenage kids, high-school age children.”

Rich recommends looking through your child’s phone settings to the storage page. If there’s an app, which is seemingly innocuous like a calculator, that uses a couple gigabytes of data, “that is generally the very first red flag that it is an app being used to disguise whatever activity.”

It’s also smart to open every app on the phone.

“If you open one and you have to use a pass code, that’s your first indicator that something is hidden there,” she said.

Spy Calc looks like a calculator and works as one, but if you put in a certain code, you can unlock hidden photos and videos. Another app, Hide It Pro, can hide other troubling apps your child doesn’t want you to see. These are called camouflage apps.

Look for apps like Keepsafe, Line, Whisper, Kik Messenger, and Smart Hide Calculator. They are hidden apps, or apps used to secretly send messages, photos and videos.

Be wary of Snapchat because those photos, videos and messages disappear after the receiver looks at them. Snapchat and Instagram are the most popular apps among children right now, Rich said.

“We see it (Instagram) being abused all the time. You can do secret chats on Instagram as well,” she said.

“If you open one and you have to use a pass code, that’s your first indicator that something is hidden there.”

Det. Sgt. Lizabeth Rich
Michigan State Police

How to see if your child’s phone has hidden apps

Check their phones for duplicate apps, such as two calculators.

Go to the Google Play or Apple Store on their phone and search for apps using keywords “hidden apps,” “vault apps” or “private photos.” If the word “get” or “install” appears next

to it, the app is not on their phone. If the word “open” or “uninstall” appears next to the app, the app is on their phone and they could be using it.

Recent sex trafficking operation found

Recently, seven men were charged with running a child pornography ring that took place in Michigan from 2015 to 2018, according to the FBI. This group would pretend to be teenagers on social media, such as Instagram, and invite female minors to visit chat rooms on a specific website.

The group would dare the girls to do various sexual acts on camera. Some people recorded the videos and distributed it to others.

Source: learningliftoff.com, circa.com

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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GUILTY

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67th District Court on Tuesday, Feb. 5.

Matthew Norwood, the defense attorney for Floyd Bryon Blalock Jr., said Blalock pleaded guilty to manslaughter and a felony firearms charge. The manslaughter charge carries a sentence of up to 15 years, and the felony firearms charge has a beginning sentence of two years.

He will be sentenced March 4.

Blalock reportedly shot Baldwin in an apartment in the 16000 block of S. Seymour Road in Argentine Township on Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018. He was arraigned Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2018 and has been lodged at the Genesee County Jail.

Baldwin was pronounced dead at the scene. Argentine Police Chief Daniel Allen said police were told that Blalock removed the magazine from the weapon

and believed the gun was unloaded when he aimed it at his friend. The police chief said, despite pulling out the magazine, a bullet remained in the chamber.

The handgun was registered to Baldwin and that was the only weapon recovered from the apartment that Saturday night.

When asked what outcome he expected, Norwood said, “It’s hard to tell. It was an accident. There was no malicious intent. Putting him away for more than five years is not going to serve much purpose in this case. He’s not someone you need to be afraid of. He just played with a gun and it’s unfortunate and it cost him his best friend.”

Blalock is “struggling,” he said.

“It was one of the more emotional cases. He was barely able to get through it. He was having a lot of trouble. He writes letters to his best friend and he just wants his best friend back,” Norwood said.

“It was an accident. There was no malicious intent. Putting him away for more than five years is not going to serve much purpose in this case.”

Matthew Norwood
Defense attorney

LOOKING BACK at this week in HISTORY

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

FEB. 10

1957: Laura Ingalls Wilder, author of the best-selling "Little House" series of children's novels based on her childhood on the American frontier, dies at age 90. In 1932, Wilder, then in her 60s, published her first novel, "Little House in the Big Woods," an autobiographical account of pioneer life in Wisconsin. The book became a success, and she went on to publish seven more novels based on her experiences growing up on the American frontier in the 1870s and 1880s. "Little House" books have been translated into dozens of languages and continue to be read by legions of fans. The books also inspired a hit TV series, "Little House on the Prairie," which originally aired from 1974 to 1982.

FEB. 11

1858: In southern France, Marie-Bernarde Soubirous, a 14-year-old French peasant girl, first claims to have seen the Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ and a central figure in the Roman Catholic religion. The apparitions, which totaled 18 before the end of the year, occurred in a grotto of a rock promontory near Lourdes, France. Marie explained that the Virgin Mary revealed herself as the Immaculate Conception, asked that a chapel be built on the site of the vision.

FEB. 12

1999: The five-week impeachment trial of Bill Clinton comes to an end, with the Senate voting to acquit the president on both articles of impeachment: perjury and obstruction of justice. In November 1995, Clinton began an affair with Monica Lewinsky, a 21-year-old unpaid intern. Over the course of a year and a half, the president and Lewinsky allegedly had nearly a dozen sexual encounters in the White House.

FEB. 13

1920: The League of Nations, the international organization formed at the peace conference at Versailles in the wake of World War I, recognizes the

perpetual neutrality of Switzerland.

FEB. 14

1929: In Chicago, gunmen in the suspected employment of organized-crime boss Al Capone murder seven members of the George "Bugs" Moran North Siders gang in a garage on North Clark Street. The so-called St. Valentine's Day Massacre stirred a media storm centered on Capone and his illegal Prohibition-era activities and motivated federal authorities to redouble their efforts to find evidence incriminating enough to take him off the streets.

FEB. 15

1998: After 20 years of trying, racing great Dale Earnhardt, Sr. finally wins his first Daytona 500, the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) season opener and an event dubbed the "Super Bowl of stock car racing." Driving his black No. 3 Chevrolet, Earnhardt recorded an average speed of 172.712 mph and took home a then-record more than \$1 million in prize money. Following his victory, crews from competing teams lined the pit road at the Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Florida, to congratulate Earnhardt, who drove his car onto the grass and did several celebratory doughnuts, or circles.

FEB. 16

1959: Fidel Castro is sworn in as prime minister of Cuba after leading a guerrilla campaign that forced right-wing dictator Fulgencio Batista into exile. Castro, who became commander in chief of Cuba's armed forces after Batista was ousted on Jan. 1, replaced the more moderate Miro Cardona as head of the country's new provisional government.

Source: history.com

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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Salon 416 owners estimate they had water coming down from 65 percent of their ceiling. They're restoring their unit, and should be open later this month. Photo: Tim Jagielo

FLOODING

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unit. She is probably leaving permanently.

Eustache moved into the building first, in the summer of 2015.

As she removed the last of her items Wednesday, contractors were gutting her once finished and comfortable home; taking it down to bare studs because of the damage. She enjoyed the unit, and had shared her story with the Times that fall.

She discovered the flood damage when she returned from visiting family on Jan. 31, at midnight, to see the flurry of work activity happening at Sawyer Jewelers, which had fallen victim to a flood of water.

She opened her door to see the damage and the water in her own home. She felt unprepared for a catastrophe. She searched in the dark with her smartphone light for anything valuable to protect it from water.

She ended up losing her TV, furniture and everything on the floor in her room. "It was devastating. It was raining; it

was really coming down in the ceiling," she said.

Her medical residency is finished in June, so she was planning to move anyway, but not until the summer. She hopes this doesn't hurt her chances of selling the condo, and that if the issues causing the flooding are addressed, she can sell the home.

Previous flood victims speak out

Pamela Fairbanks, whose condominium, unit 207, is on the second floor of the building, is grateful that her place wasn't affected — this time. Fairbanks had a similar flooding problem last year, which she thought was close to being resolved.

"I know that everyone involved was working really hard to get to the bottom of the problem," Fairbanks said from Florida last week. "We just want to find out what it is and

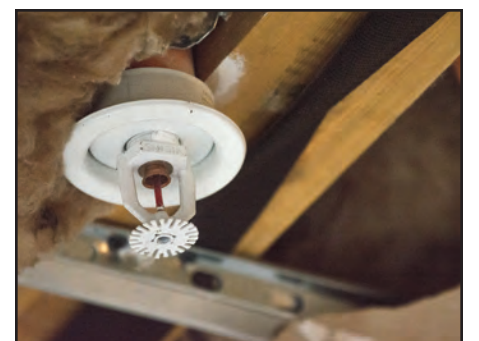
get it taken care of."

She said she has been talking and meeting with the builder, who is Ghassam Saab of Corlin Builders, Inc. in Grand Blanc. She has also met with Fenton Mayor Sue Osborn, City Manager Lynn Markland, and Assistant City Manager Michael Hart. "It has been ongoing," she said. "I'm really trying to work with them. I believe it is a good building. When our unit was damaged and the drywall gone, Sorensen Gross (the contractor), the insulators and architect asked experts who said it was a good building."

Corlin Builders and Sorensen Gross are both owned by the Ghassan Saab family.

"We are working hard to get it resolved," Fairbanks said. "It is taking long because

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A burst water suppression system pipe was the cause of each of the four Cornerstone building floods. Photo: Tim Jagielo

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we never really found the cause of the problem with this fire suppression system. I think we're getting closer to getting it resolved."

Richard and Chanel Licata are not as pleased with the progress. The couple owns unit 307, which was where the burst pipes originated two years ago. They now live in Arizona and have leased their condo to another individual.

"They fixed Sagano's and they were open within a week," Chanel said. "We could not live in our condo for a year. They finally fixed it, but for the first 10 months they didn't do anything."

They, meaning the property management company the Licatas say is Piper Management Group in Flint.

"We reached out to everyone but no one cared," Chanel said.

"When we got no answers, we used the only leverage we had and that was to not pay our homeowner association fees," Richard said. The fees the couple were charged is \$300 per month. They paid \$200,000 for their condo.

As a result of not paying these fees, the Licatas say the property management company took legal action. "They sued us and put us into foreclosure," Chanel said.

The Licatas are currently in the redemption period to get their condo, which has since been fixed, out of foreclosure. But now there are \$26,000 in attorney fees they also have to pay.

"I don't have \$26,000 lying around," Richard said.

After some private investigating, the Licatas said they have learned that the pipes in the building were likely not properly insulated.

Media Editor Tim Jagielo contributed to this article.

HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?

The Cornerstone Building was completed in November 2015. Since then, there have been multiple issues with pipes breaking.

On Monday, Jan. 21, two Cornerstone building condominium units were flooded. According to Josh Ingersoll with Servpro, a furnace failed on the third floor, causing a water line to burst in the fire suppression system during sub zero temperatures. The second and third floors were affected, including the Rough Draught, which was closed until 2:30 p.m. Ingersoll said at the time that it could be months before the residents can return home. This is the third flood caused by the fire suppression system at the Cornerstone building since it was completed in 2015.

The question among many today is how did building inspections get approved?

According to former Building and Zoning Administrator Brad Hissong, he issued the certificate of occupancy (CFO) for Sawyer Jewelers and Sagano Japanese Bistro & Steakhouse before retiring from Fenton.

"I did not do the CFOs for any of the condos," Hissong said.

The state of Michigan does all of the electrical, plumbing and mechanical inspections. These approved inspections are necessary before a CFO can be issued, he said.

"The state inspectors are very thorough and were pretty rough," Hissong said. "They made us fix a lot of stuff before they would give approval."

Hissong said the companies that worked on that building are good, reputable companies. There should be warranties on everything, he said.

Fenton's current Building and Zoning Administrator Mike Reilly also said, "The certificates were issued after the state of

City manager offers encouragement

Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland said the city is already doing an investigation into the Cornerstone problems and is currently looking at the fire suppression plans. "We will be happy to meet with the homeowner association to do whatever we can to help resolve this issue," he said.

"I have a lot of empathy for those impacted by this, including business owners and we will work to look for a solution," Markland said. "I want to see the problem resolved."

One thing the city has done is cut the state out of the inspection process, which was done through a new ordinance. Markland said it took months to achieve because of all the back and forth paperwork with the state, but effective November 2018, the city of Fenton is now doing all electrical, mechanical and plumbing inspections in the city. The state was responsible for those inspections prior to that.

"We have contracted with special contractors to perform those inspections," Markland said. "We decided to do this because it was taking the state so long to get to ours."

Regarding the upcoming 111 Leroy Place construction, Markland said, "We have been working with (contractors) for quite a while. A lot of agreements have been reached." He said the city will pay particular attention to making sure everything is done and inspected properly because of past experiences.

Information that Corlin Builders received \$800,000 from the city, and then another \$400,000 are incorrect, Markland said. In 2013, Corlin Builders was awarded an \$880,000 incentive from Michigan Community Revitalization Program, a sum they do not have to pay back. A request to get \$400,000 from the city a couple of years ago was rejected. A \$200,000 loan from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) in 2013 has long since been paid back, Markland said.

Saab did not respond to inquiries about this project.

"We sympathize with the community, co-owners, businesses and residents and continue to support the association as they make repairs from the recent events that occurred at their community," said Bob Perkins of Piper Management Group. "Piper Management is employed by the Fenton Cornerstone Condominium Association Board to handle the business operations for the association. Piper is not authorized to make decisions for the association, we simply provide them with our financial services, access to contractors and assist with communication to co-owners when needed. We want to and will work with the Board to help come up with a solution."

Michigan approved the electrical, mechanical and plumbing systems, and the city approved the building portion of the project."

Since he took over for Hissong, Reilly said he has not received any written complaints.

"I have done inspections on all repair projects that were brought to my attention," he said. "The repairs I have inspected resulted from fire suppression freezing."

Reilly said the damage on Jan. 31 was caused by a fire suppression line that burst.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

DEMOCRAT CONGRESSWOMAN Elissa Slotkin sat stone-faced during the State of the Union message while Trump called for unity. During the election she said, 'party before country, always.' Slotkin should remember that she is supposed to represent all of her constituents.

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TRUMP AT THE SOTU lauded the increased number of women in the house. Republicans see this as credit. Democrats see this as blame.

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WEDNESDAY'S ACTION BY the House is a sign that talk about a bipartisan working relationship between Michigan's new Democratic governor and the Republican Legislature is quickly evaporating.

PUBLIC NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF A REGULAR PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD TUESDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2019 AT 7:00 PM BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AT 12060 MANTAWAUKA. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

NEW BUSINESS:**ZBA19-004 Scott Seymour, 12423 O'Dell, Linden (RESUBMITTAL):**

Requesting 10 ft. front yard and 12 ft. sight line variances to build an addition and deck at 4025 Minnetonka, parcel 06-16-526-021.

ZBA19-006 Eric Golota, Lot 35 Wenwood Dr:

Requesting a 12 ft. sight line variance for the construction of aa deck and 7-inch side yard setback variance for an eve overhang, parcel 06-13-555-003.

ZBA 19-007 Gary Haphy, 14202 Eastview Dr

Requesting a 1 ft. side yard variance to construct a porch at 14202 Eastview Dr, parcel 06-22-528-012.

ZBA 19-008 Michael Schwab, 13254 Enid Blvd.

Requesting an 8 ft. sight line variance to construct a covered porch at 13254 Enid Blvd, parcel 06-14-577-046.

ZBA 19-009 Mark Hochkins, 15203 Restwood Dr

Requesting a 9 ft. front and 3.5 ft. side yard setback variances for a shed they relocated and 1.5 ft. front, 5 ft. side and 5 ft. setback from principal structure variances for a new shed built without a permit, parcel 06-30-502-038.

ZBA 19-010 James Terbrueggen, Lot 18 Cussewago Drive

Requesting a 6% variance for maximum coverage of lot by buildings, a 10 ft. front yard setback variance, and a 2 ft. rear yard variance to construct a new home on Lot 18 Cussewago Drive, parcel 06-14-527-049.

ZBA 19-011 Jodie Hendrickson, 13353 Haddon Drive

Requesting a 5 ft. front yard and 7.5 ft. sight line variance to construct a new home at 13353 Haddon Drive, parcel 06-14-577-108.

ZBA 19-012 Brett Ramsay, 16305 Red Fox Trail

Requesting a 5 ft. side yard setback to construct a new home at 13353 Haddon Drive, parcel 06-32-061-001.

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Unselfish Eagles closing in on Metro title, beat Kearsley

By David Troppens

Linden — It's been a tough junior season for Linden's Seeger DeGayner.

Out with an injury during football season and during the start of basketball season, he's had to wait his time to get on any field or court this school year.

He's finally getting a chance to play, and by doing so he's making what was already an undefeated

Metro League Linden varsity boys basketball team a little bit better.

In a game that saw all 11 Eagles score and featured assists on about two-thirds of Linden's 26 buckets, DeGayner was one of many players who had a strong game in the Eagles' 67-36 victory against Kearsley, Tuesday.

The win puts the Eagles (12-0 in the Metro) just one victory away from at least a co-Metro League title. A win at Flushing on

Friday would lock up at least the co-title.

DeGayner enjoys being back.

"It feels good to be back, getting back to the movement and the mixing up with the guys and the contact," DeGayner said. "I've been on the sideline for so long and been away from those things."

"It's been really hard not being able to contribute to the team and not being able to do your role. But while watching it

can be frustrating, it's always fun to watch when they're succeeding."

Linden had four double-digit scorers against Kearsley, but no one had more than 12. Travis Klocek had that many while Brenden Miller and DeGayner each had 11 points. Eric Beil provided 10.

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Sports Times

Fugate becomes Holly's all-time leading scorer

By David Troppens

There have been a lot of great players on the Holly varsity girls basketball team during the last decade.

But when it comes to scoring points, one is now ahead of the rest. Rebecca Fugate broke Holly's all-time career scoring record by eclipsing Kaitlyn Smith's career 1,243 points during the Bronchos' 50-43 Metro League win Tuesday night at Holly High School.

Fugate scored a game-high 36 points, which is the most any Holly varsity girl player has scored in one contest in at least 24 years, leading the Bronchos to the victory.

Fugate broke the record in the third quarter when Payton Price assisted an open three-pointer. Before the night was over, Fugate was up to 1,279 points for her career.

"I knew what the record was and I knew I needed 22 points. I was kind of nervous but I was excited about it," Fugate said. "I had no idea (when I broke it). I never really know how many points I have during a game. Once I made the shot, I knew because

everyone was cheering and coach (David Hall) called a time out. It was pretty amazing."

"I just think it wouldn't have been possible without my teammates. I have worked hard, but without them it wouldn't have happened. It's a tribute to them and my coaches for believing in me."

Holly has seen its share of quality scorers just in recent seasons. Fugate's freshman season was Smith's senior year. Meanwhile during that time, Alyssa Copley finished her career with over 1,000 points and Paige Reid netted over 900 points during that era.

"We've been pretty lucky to have some kids that could put the ball in the basket, and we've had good role players that are good enough that teams have to honor them and play them honestly because we are not a one-man team," Hall said. "Rebecca has had a bullseye on her back against every team that plays against us and she continues to produce."

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Rebecca Fugate became the Holly varsity girls basketball program's all-time greatest scorer during Tuesday's contest against Clio. Photo: Mark Bolen

Chloe Idoni scored a game-high 19 points in the Tigers' 61-31 victory vs. Owosso, Tuesday night. Photo: Mark Bolen

Tigers keep on winning, defeat Owosso, 61-31

By David Troppens

When people think about league championship runs, a lot of the time the victories against the contenders are what are remembered.

Those victories are important. And Fenton had one of those critical wins on Feb. 1 when the Tigers defeated Kearsley 52-37. However, just as important is taking care of business in the games against the teams people expect a champion to beat.

The Tigers played one of those teams on the road Tuesday night and did just that — took care of business.

The Fenton varsity girls basketball team outscored Owosso 20-1 in the first quarter and never looked back, earning a convincing 61-31 victory against the Trojans. The win keeps the Tigers (11-1) one game ahead of Flushing (10-2) and Kearsley (9-2) in the loss column entering Friday's Metro action.

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Fenton's Jake Iddings competes in the 200 individual medley during a recent event.

Photo: David Troppens

Tigers gain experience vs. Bobcats

By David Troppens

When it comes to the Metro League portion of the varsity boys swim season, the Fenton Tigers frequently don't get that much great competition.

So what the Tigers do is seek stronger competition elsewhere. And that's how their rivalry with Grand Blanc probably was created.

With Grand Blanc's great roster

size, it's tough for Fenton to defeat the Bobcats, but what the meet does do is give the Tigers a chance to push themselves. They did in a 107-73 loss to Grand Blanc.

"It's always good to swim GB because you know you are going to get fast races," Fenton varsity boys swim coach Brad Jones said.

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Goodrich defeats Fenton, Holly in district tourney

By David Troppens

It was another night of Flint Metro League wrestling duals at the Division 2 team district held at Fenton High School, Thursday.

But it was a future Metro League school that left the tourney with the district title.

State-ranked Goodrich defeated Linden 65-13 and then beat the Metro League's two-time defending champions Holly 51-18 in the district title match to earn the crown. Holly opened the tournament with a tight 38-33 victory against the Fenton Tigers.

Fenton gave the Bronchos a good battle, earning wins in half of the bouts, but Holly earned a few more convincing decisions to earn the victory. Holly earned four pinfall wins and a void win compared to Fenton's three pins and one void. The Bronchos also had two major decisions.

Holly had pinfall wins from Jacob Gonzales (140), Kolten Steele (215), Blake Querio (285) and the void victory by Calvin Curtis (135). Fenton's pinfall wins



Holly's Jacob Gonzales (top) won both of his matches at the Division 2 district tournament held at Fenton High School Thursday night. Photo: David Troppens

were earned by Jayden Ritzenbury (145), Dalton Wagner (171), and Isaac Croney (119). Kendra Ryan (103) earned the pinfall win.

In the district title match, only three Holly wrestlers beat their state-ranked Goodrich foes. They were Gonzales, Querio and Andrew Kolman (112). Gonzales and Kolman

earned pinfall wins while Querio had a forfeit win.

Linden didn't fare much better against the Martians, winning just three matches as well. Uzziah Delgado (160) won his match with a 10-0 major decision win while Mitchell Kerr (140) earned a 5-2 decision win. Jimmy Roti (152) earned a forfeit victory.

LF wrestlers lose in opening round of districts

By David Troppens

Lake Fenton's team portion of the wrestling season came to an end in a team district at Durand High School, Thursday.

Byron won each of the first eight matches, clinching a 54-28 victory against the Blue Devils.

Once the match got to the second half,

the Blue Devils performed well, winning five of the final six contests. However, the lead was already too great to overcome for the Blue Devils.

John Grigg (152) earned Lake Fenton's first victory by posting a pinfall win in 32 seconds.

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Hornets sting Eagles, 67-19

By David Troppens

When a team in a rebuilding mode competes against a league contender, it can result in a tough night.

That was the case for the Linden varsity girls basketball team when the Eagles traveled to Kearsley High School.

Kearsley stayed within a game of Fenton in the loss column for the Metro League lead with a 67-19 victory against the Linden Eagles.

The score represented a much stronger performance for Linden than the first time the two league foes faced off though. Kearsley beat Linden 62-6 during that occasion. In this game, the Eagles scored six points in the first quarter alone and had nine more in the second quarter. However, Kearsley's offense was potent and the Hornets led 40-15 at halftime.

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PREP REPORT

BOYS BASKETBALL

► **Linden JV 62, Kearsley JV 58:** The Eagles enjoyed an 18-point lead in the first half and then held on to stave off a furious Kearsley comeback. Lance Barkholz hit four straight free throws to ice the victory. Aiden Miller led Linden with 17 points while Lance Barkholz netted 15 points. Gavin Wildeman netted 10 and Shane Eberhard had seven points.

► **Owosso Freshmen 48, Fenton Freshmen 44:** Ben Chapple led the Tigers with 11 points, six rebounds and two steals.

BOYS BOWLING

► **Holly 23, Fenton 7:** The Bronchos won both baker games with scores of 188 and 219. Individually, Jacob Warner had the strongest day for Holly with a 232-168-400 series. Individuals who earned points for Fenton were Max Guerra (196) and Jake Durant (165).

► **Fenton 28, Linden 2:** The Tigers dominated the match with Tate Tem-

rowski leading the way with a 134-214-348 series. Nathan Drymond bowled a 178 while Jake Durant bowled a 171 game. The Tigers also won both baker contests.

Linden's top performer was Jackson Shelp with a 193-139-332 series.

► **Owosso 30, Linden 0:** Linden's Donovan Croteau led the Eagles with a 114-176-290 series.

GIRLS BOWLING

► **Fenton 23, Holly 7:** Bree Soule (127-112-239), Avery Logan (128-156-284) and Angela Hanners (236-168-404) led the Tigers by scoring two points each. Holly was paced by Savannah Moriarty's 114-168-282 series.

► **Fenton 26, Linden 4:** The Tigers completed a sweep of rivals as Angela Hanners led the squad with a 174-189-363 series. The team won both baker games with scores of 140 and 151.

Linden was paced by Cassie Most's 111-153-264 series.

Tigers play complete game vs. Owosso, 59-33

By David Troppens

There's been a lot of heart-breaking losses for the Fenton varsity boys basketball team in the last week.

On Monday, there was a 48-37 loss to Clio, and on Feb. 1 there was a 47-46 loss to Kearsley.

But on Tuesday, something happened that was exactly what the Tigers needed. They earned a relatively easy Flint Metro League victory.

Fenton's offense scored double-digits in each quarter while Owosso was limited to no more than nine points in any stanza, resulting in a 59-33 Fenton victory against the Trojans at Owosso High School.

"We've had a lot of close and intense games and we came out last night and looked really good on offense," Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Chad Logan said.

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Bronchos fall behind early, lose to Mustangs, 46-41

By David Troppens

A slow offensive output hurt the Holly varsity boys basketball team in its Metro League clash at Clio High School Tuesday night.

The Bronchos were able to score only five points in each of the first two quarters, resulting in a large halftime deficit. The Bronchos tried to dig out of the hole but were unable to, losing

46-41. Neither team was able to get much going in the first quarter. While Holly scored just five points, the Bronchos were able to hold the Mustangs to just six points as well, giving Clio a slim one-point lead entering the second quarter. However, Clio scored 15 points in the second stanza and led 21-10 at the half.

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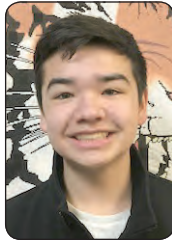
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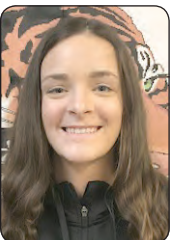
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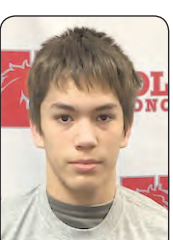
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