Lahring Road could see new subdivision

Planning Commission will review rezoning request March 14, public can speak

By Hannah Ball

A new 22-unit subdivision could come to Lahring Road in Fenton Township.

An application was submitted to rezone the property, which is 30 acres on the north side of Lahring Road, less than half a mile east of Lake Fenton High School. The owner is

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Trial starts for shooter of pregnant woman

Tyson rejected guilty plea for mentally ill, which carries 20 to 50 years in prison

By Hannah Ball

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Tyson allegedly shot Tamara Johnson, 45, of Mt. Morris and Lyric Work, 20, who was from Linden and pregnant at the time. Doctors managed to save Work’s baby but Work died.

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So, now our school districts want forgiveness for snow and weather days? More paid holidays for staff. Administration states they are underfunded to teach students for the 21st century. Really?

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His influence and legacy is felt throughout our communities

By Sally Rummel

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Golden retrievers are prone to aortic stenosis, a narrowing along the aorta, which causes heart problems

German shepherds have a higher chance of having hip issues

National breeding associations encourage healthier breeding practices

By Hannah Ball

Pugs have breathing problems because of their abnormally small trachea. Cocker Spaniels are prone to ear infections. Labrador retrievers and German shepherds have a higher chance of having hip issues. It’s almost impossible for most bulldogs to naturally mate because of how they’ve been bred.

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Come Heller high water…

• As I write this, it has now snowed for 4,765 days in a row, by my estimate. Of course, I’ve been known to get a little nuts about winter this time of year, so I could be off by three or four thousand. But it certainly feels true.

• I know, I know. Take some Vitamin D. Sit under one of those silly full spectrum lamps. Take up meditation. Fly to Florida. I’ve tried all those things, and none of it helps. It doesn’t. I don’t have SAD (seasonal affective disorder.) I have STGDDOWD, or Sick To (Bad Word) Death of Winter Disorder. Some day the medical community will recognize it as a legitimate thing.

• U.S. 2, the two-track that runs from the Mackinac Bridge to my hometown Escanaba, was officially and not actually closed for a day during last weekend’s snowdrifts, according to a news story I saw. By “officially,” I mean the state did in fact declare it impassable. And by “not actually,” I mean the photo of U.S. 7 that accompanied the story. The road was indeed completely drifted over. But, of course, there were tire tracks plowing straight through it. Because that’s how Yoopers are. A closed road isn’t a warning. It’s a challenge.

• Every winter seems worse. Is that my imagination?

• German researchers studying the corpses of people with tattoos found ink in their lymph nodes. So, if I’m a member of the tattoo generation, I’d be a bit worried.

• I don’t bring that up to scare people with tattoos. I bring it up in case you were thinking you have the worst job on the planet. Take heart, you don’t.

• The Cohen hearings were dramatic and all that. But as someone who worked at newspapers for 30 years, I found myself admiring the stamina of the photographers who were hunched on the floor in front of Cohen. Eight straight hours they did that. I’m not surprised. Photogs are tough and patient cooks. I couldn’t do that. Could you?

• One of the best things about Walmart was they hired a lot of disabled people as greeters. Now they’re ending that practice and expanding the duties of the job to include tasks that may be beyond many greeters. Walmart’s profits for the last quarter of 2018 were $3.69 billion, by the way.

• If you’re an I-75 commuter, your life is about to get so much worse. They’re closing eight miles of the southbound lanes (Troy to Madison Heights) from March through November for road reconstruction. All I can say is, I feel your pain. I made that commute from Grand Blanc to downtown Detroit for nearly four years. On the best of days, it was a bear. Now it’s going to be a bear, a lion, a tiger and maybe a Gila monster for six months. But, hey, we wanted new roads. Short-term pain. Long-term gain.

• While they’re at it, they should add a commuter train line from Detroit to Grand Blanc. Other states have nice things. Why can’t we?

• As a publicity stunt (and a good one), U.P. Supply Co. in Marquette figured out, apropos of nothing, it would take 693 years to resurface Lake Superior with a Zamboni. So now you know. U.P. Supply doesn’t make Zambonis by the way. But they do make U.P.-themed gifts.

• This week’s Words I Love: geezer, Zilwaukee, and umber. Yours?

• “No winter lasts forever, no spring skips its turn.” — Hal Borland

• “If you’re cutting off relationships” — John DuFresne

• “I want to see the Democrats travel by Amtrak.” — Sam Winsor

• “This show is an indictment of the educational system in our youth.” — Diane Stortors

• “Do you know that Walmart is the only company of our friends.” — Albert D. Dinatale, EA

• “A train to Mackinaw City and then go to Mackinac Island and not have to pay car parking fees. Or going to Traverse City at Cherry Festival time and enjoying the ride up there in comfort and with the company of our friends.” — Fred Stortors

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• “Their listening to be refreshed.” — Sam Winsor

• “I find Elissa to be refreshing, available and attuned to her constituents.” — Andrew H. Dinegarten

• “Pumping gas because it’s nice to get that service. Living in a retirement home means that I still get a lot of exercises, but I wish my area had recycling.” — Diane Stortors

• “I would like to have people help me carry my groceries to my car.” — Harvey Steffke

• “They used to check my oil and wash my windows when I got gas. I wish that they still did that.” — Sam Winsor

• “He’s cutting some services here at the senior center, which I don’t like. It’s a senior center, it’s for the seniors.” — Diane Stortors

• “Whatever happened to mind your own business? So many issues today could be solved if people would have some respect and just mind their own business.” — Sam Winsor

• “Some found Rep. Slotkin showed ‘leftist behavior’ at the SOU speech?” — Sam Winsor

• “Scientists have high confidence that global temperatures will continue to rise for decades to come, largely due to greenhouse gases produced by human activities.” — Diane Stortors

• “Dear winter: You lose.” — Sam Winsor

• “Our next president will be the one that’s most effective in getting the economy going.” — Sam Winsor

• “It’s nice to see someone take a stand for the common good.” — Diane Stortors

• “I’m not happy that they stopped giving us cookies and doughnuts at the senior center. We all like eating cookies and doughnuts with our coffee.” — Harvey Steffke

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Funding efforts for connector project continue

Fenton City Council agrees to pay $110,337 if state grant awarded

By Vera Hogan

While organizers continue their fundraising efforts to make a non-motorized pathway system a reality in the tri-county area, there may be financial assistance coming from other sources.

On Monday, Feb. 25, the Fenton City Council voted unanimously to commit 20 percent in matching funds for a grant through the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP). The program covers 80 percent of approved project costs with the local agency being responsible for the 20-percent match.

Through the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission, the city of Fenton works together with several communities to put together a list of transportation and roadway projects that can be federally funded through the state of Michigan. TAP is one area of that possible funding.

The City Council’s resolution agrees to make the matching funds available for the Silver Lake Road Connector Trail, from Jennings Road to Broad Street in Linden. The total funded project amount would be $551,886, with $441,509 to come from federal funds, and $110,377 from local matching funds, if the grant is awarded by the state. The city of Fenton will pay for the matching portion of the grant.

According to Fenton Public Works Director Dan Czarnecki in a memo to the City Manager Lynn Markland, “This grant will be in addition to other outside funding that is being worked on to procure.”

DOLLARS COULD COME THROUGH SUCCESSFUL MILLAGE

Last month, it was announced that on May 7, voters in Fenton, Fenton Township and Linden will be asked if they want a non-motorized trail system by way of a tax millage. The ballot question would ask voters to amend the Southern Lakes Pathways and Recreation (SLPR) charter to include a levy and collection in the amount of 1.2 mills for 10 years, from 2019 to 2028, to provide funds for non-motorized recreational paths and facilities.

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

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

If the May 7 millage passes, homeowners with a taxable value of:

- $50,000 will pay an additional tax of $60 per year
- $75,000 will pay an additional tax of $90 per year
- $100,000 will pay an additional tax of $120 per year
- $150,000 will pay an additional tax of $180 per year

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Local off-road park coming summer 2020

Project started in 2014 and will cater to 200,000 Michigan ORV enthusiasts

By Tim Jagielo
Greenvold Twp. — Rajan Panesar of Sterling Heights stood down to see where the four-door Wrangler might be hitting the large concrete pieces underneath.

He was assisting rock-crawling off-road drivers, guiding them over especially difficult obstacles. He wasn’t even an official volunteer; his Jeep was broken and he just wanted to help others. “We’re all here for the same thing, to go off road and enjoy it,” he said.

Panesar assisted during the Saturday, Feb. 23 “Frozen Mines Run,” an off-road event at a former gravel mine owned by the State of Michigan and the future site of an off-road park coming next year.

The event was hosted by the Great Lakes Four Wheel Drive Association (GLFWDA), led by Jim Kitson. He said the state of Michigan purchased two parcels for the purpose of an off-road park in June 2017. The land totals 235 acres. One parcel is on Groveland Township, the other is in Holly Township.

The Frozen Mines Run was open to 300 vehicles on the Groveland Township property. Many were testing the trails and the hills, while others congregated at Base Camp in the center of the grounds, chatting and enjoying the bonfire.

This is the fourth event to demonstrate the feasibility and need for a permanent off-road park built into the former gravel mine. “It’s needed because it’s the highest concentration of off-road vehicles in the state,” Kitson said.

The closest location for off-road vehicles is The Mounds ORV Park in Genesee Township, 30 miles away. Michigan is home to approximately 200,000 registered ORV drivers.

Because this is the actual future site of the park, the Frozen Mines Run allowed organizers to see how 300 vehicles work together on the 113-acre parcel.

Other visitors included local supervisors and commissioners, as well as Oakland County Parks and Recreation members.

Local public safety agencies, such as police and fire departments, wanted to see how such a park could operate safely.

They were able to see that as Kitson explained, off-roaders tend to take care of themselves out there. He said the first responders left, their fears alleviated. “The drivers were actually very safe, they had a lot of fun,” said North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) Capt. Tim Seal. He feels better after observing the event, but thinks a definitive emergency medical response team should be available for difficult technical rescues. NOCFA provides coverage for Holly and Rose townships. “Everybody has issues sometimes, and stuff breaks,” Panesar said. “It’s really cool how if someone breaks an axle shaft and you have a spare, you go and help them out.” Drivers tend to help each other, with getting pulled out of a mess or repairs on the trail.

“It’s sort of a tight-knit community even if you don’t know anyone,” he said.

The finished park will have established trails, dedicated motorcycle features and parking. “This is a work-in-progress,” Kitson said. The county has assembled a round table of advisors, which will work to accommodate a variety of vehicles.

Kitson expects the park to be open the summer of 2020. The parcel on the Holly Township land should be open close to June 2021. The state can only take possession of that site after it is cleared of remaining mining equipment and material. While the MDNR owns the property, it will be managed by Oakland County Parks and Recreation. Kitson said there is currently no operating agreement.

See the video and more photos online with this story.

Shooter Continued from Front Page

Tyson is charged with two counts of first-degree premeditated murder and two counts of felony firearm. She is being held without bond.

Since the killings, Tyson has been declared incompetent twice, but was found to be competent Wednesday, Jan. 21 in Genesee County District Court. The case is being tried in the Genesee County Circuit Court.

Tyson’s defense attorney is Michael Ewing.

A notice of insanity defense was filed Feb. 26. Originally, the case was going to be tried by a jury, but it is now a non-jury trial.

In August, Tyson could have pleaded guilty as mentally ill with two counts of second-degree murder, one for each victim. The sentencing agreement would have meant a prison sentence of 20 to 50 years, however, she rejected the offer.

The event was hosted by the Great Lakes Four Wheel Drive Association (GLFWDA), led by Jim Kitson. He said the state of Michigan purchased two parcels for the purpose of an off-road park in June 2017. The land totals 235 acres. One parcel is on Groveland Township, the other is in Holly Township.

The Frozen Mines Run was open to 300 vehicles on the Groveland Township

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Rajan Panesar helps guide a driver over concrete and stone obstacles at the “Frozen Mines Run” on Saturday, Feb. 23. This off-roading event was held at a former gravel mine. It is expected to be the site of an off-road park next summer. Photo: Tim Jagielo

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The legislature did not vote on any bills of general interest this week, although in the Senate a voice-vote was held on requesting the state Supreme Court to give an opinion on legislative acts related to two initiated laws enacted last fall. This report describes that request, and some interesting or noteworthy new bill introductions.

Senate Resolution 16: Request Supreme Court opinion on amending citizen-initiated legislation
Introduced by Sen. Peter MacGregor (R) and adopted by a voice-vote, to ask the state Supreme Court to give an opinion on whether the state constitution permits the legislature to enact a bill placing before it an initiative petition before the general election, and then subsequently amend that law after the election but during the same legislative session. This refers to the process used to enact-and-amend two initiated laws in 2018; see Senate Bill 1171 and Senate Bill 1175 of 2018, which amended measures increasing the state minimum wage and imposing a paid-leave mandate on employers.

Senate Bill 54 and House Bill 4100: Give some developers tax breaks for rehabilitating “historic” structures
Introduced by Sen. Wayne Schmidt (R) and Rep. Ben Frederick (R), to grant certain developers approval by the department director of credits against the business income tax that are worth up to 25 percent of the amount spent to restore a structure that meets various criteria for being “historic.” Up to 90 percent of a credit valued below $250,000 would be “refundable,” making these virtual cash subsidies. Developers could also “carry forward” any unused credit amount for up to 10 years. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4122: Assert right to drinking water
Introduced by Rep. Abdullah Hammoud (D), to assert in statute that each person has a “right” to “safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water” for cleaning, cooking and drinking, subject to specified limits on the duty this implies for the government to provide water. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

Six Cornerstone tenants still without a home

Re-building process on hold while insurance companies await forensic engineering inspections
By Sally Rummel
There’s no place like home, but six of the condominium tenants of the Cornerstone building in downtown Fenton don’t have a place to call “home” right now.

These residents from the second and third floors are still displaced from their units following burst water pipes on Jan. 31, and that isn’t going to change anytime soon.

“It’s a tough situation,” said Bob Perkins, director of property for Piper Management Company in Flint, which handles the Cornerstone building as well as many other properties. “Each unit has individual owners with their own individual insurance policies.”

Right now, the process involves waiting for results of forensic engineering inspections to find the source of the problem before units can be repaired, Perkins said.

“Once they come out and do the inspections, they’ll supply the information to insurance companies about what needs to be done to prevent this from happening again,” Perkins said. “Then it will be up to the insurance adjusters and contractors to come up with the agreeable scope of work that has to be done.”

“We just feel bad. We answer to the (Fenton Cornerstone Condominium Association) Board, and make suggestions to help facilitate communication between homeowners, policyholders and insurance companies. But at the end of the day, we just pay the bills, provide access to contractors and facilitate communication to owners when needed. There’s not much we can get involved in but to help keep the process going.”

As of now, Perkins said that the damaged units have been left untouched after ServPro did the initial cleanup. “The owners’ insurance companies and the association’s agency are currently working together. That’s where we’re at right now,” he said.
CORNERSTONE
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Sawyer Jewelers sustained more than $300,000 in damage following the burst water pipes on the third floor of the Cornerstone building. He also missed one of the biggest retail holidays of the year, Valentine’s Day on Feb. 14, but that was the least of his worries.

“When I saw it, I almost knew what we were up against,” Beltinck said. “The biggest surprise was the amount of water. I had to replace the whole ceiling, any drywall on the ceiling out front, all of the soffits, all of our lighting, carpet and electronics.”

Beltinck is hoping for a soft opening sometime later this week, “maybe Friday,” he said. “Please call first. We’ll be posting in the Tri-County Times and on Sawyer Jewelers’ Facebook page and our website as soon as I know.”

Beltinck is the re-opening of Sawyer Jewelers owner Chip Beltinck, who opened Sawyer Jewelers on Wednesday, Feb. 27.

The store is going to be as beautiful as ever,” he said.

Beltinck said the re-opening all depends on how things go this week. “We just got done cleaning the major dirt out of the store and the majority of the painting is taking place now. Carp- peting will go in the first of the week, then we’ll do another cleaning and start putting things back together.”

What has kept Beltinck going is the support of the community and how well the re-building of the store has progressed so far. “I was able to use the same general contractor I had used before and every single one of his sub-contractors,” Beltinck said. “They all dropped what they were doing to come help me. They were here within 36 hours.”

He still hasn’t heard from the city of Fenton regarding any investigation. “I haven’t even taken the time to dive into it yet.”

What’s most important right now to Beltinck is the re-opening of Sawyer Jewelers. “The store is going to be as beautiful as ever,” he said.

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By Sally Rummel

Toni Widing grateful to reopen just 12 days after Cornerstone building’s water pipes burst

Sawyer Jewelers owner, Toni Widing stands in her newly restored Cornerstone building storefront, after it was closed for 12 days due to water damage.

Toni Widing, owner of Salon 416 in the Cornerstone building in downtown Fenton, was able to use sub-contractors from Patrick Widing Custom Homes, after pipes burst on the third floor of the Cornerstone building. Damages were estimated at $60,000.

“I was so thankful for getting this work done very quickly,” said Toni, who opened Salon 416 in the Cornerstone building Dec. 3, 2015. “Painters were actually at the home of Jim and Patty Peabody and they packed up their stuff and came to the salon. Peabody Insurance is our insurer and they’ve been awesome, and Patty is a client of ours at the salon.”

The closing of the salon displaced 22 stylists and administrative staff, many of whom were able to work out of other local salons for the week-and-a-half Salon 416 was closed.

“It was a miracle, the way it all happened,” Toni said. “When it first happened, it was really sad. But the very next day, I felt God was working everything out.”

Salon 416 is now open and fully operational, but Toni still has her reservations about the cause of the burst pipes and what will happen in the future. “I’m still very nervous about it happening again,” she said.

Salon 416 owner happy to be back

Toni Widing grateful to reopen just 12 days after Cornerstone building’s water pipes burst
Lisa Bayer

- Lifelong musician
- Mother of four
- Founder of local orchestras

By Tim Jagielo
Lisa Bayer, 47, is in a rebuilding time in her life. A mother of four, she jokes that she still doesn’t know what she wants to be when she grows up. Bayer is currently student teaching at Lake Fenton Middle School and directing the Prelude String Orchestra. She co-founded the Fenton Community Orchestra and A Joyful Noise Music Studio, which she sold in 2016.

Lisa Bayer is undergoing new career exploration, diving into student teaching, while keeping a focus on music performance and education. Photo: Tim Jagielo

What is your relationship with music?
I started off learning piano when I was 7. I picked up violin at 10. I haven’t gone a day when it wasn’t part of my life. When I need to celebrate, I’m going to draw on music. When I’m down, I draw on music. This last year I’ve been extremely busy, so I miss the time to dedicate to my craft. If I can share it with other people and they can hear it too, it’s even better.

Do you have a favorite music group or genre?
I don’t necessarily have a favorite. If I’m playing piano, I’m playing Chopin or Rachmaninov. If I’m listening to it, you won’t find anything I don’t like, that’s good. I like seeing collaboration. I appreciate when performers of different genres collaborate. I’ve been into Post Modern Juke Box lately.

What is your relationship with the Fenton Community Orchestra?
I co-founded the orchestra, and it’s grown over the years. I play every year with them. My role right now is more supportive. Next year I’ll be back in full swing as concertmaster. Every year I’d ask if anyone wanted it, and no one has wanted it. Right now, I’m preparing kids to join that group and be a part of it.

What is Prelude String Orchestra?
It’s a community orchestra. There are kids from different school districts and some home-school families, all at different skill levels. We have the beginner orchestra; they can just join us not knowing how to play at all. We had another year for more advanced. This year we have them all together.

We’ve been learning about Motown. The history of the record label, learning the music, getting to play that together which is really fun.

I heard you sometimes deliver sermons.
I do fill in as ‘back-up sermon-giver’ at Transfiguration Lutheran Church. I still haven’t learned what I want to be when I grow up. People have different ways of doing things and understanding things and being who they are, and there’s room for all that.

Why did you sell your business, A Joyful Noise?
We opened in 2006 and went from 25 to 90 students. I sold the business in 2016. I owned it for 10 years. I spread myself a little too thin sometimes. I wanted to see it continue. I always did the best I could and built a lot of relationships and connections with people, but I don’t really know how to make money. When I sell it, it’s a ministry. At some point, I realized I should have a job so I can take care of myself.

What might people be surprised about you?
When I went to be certified to be a teacher, I chose to focus on math and a lot of people think that’s weird. To me, there’s such a connection (with music). I love having the chance to try to see that there’s beauty in math and system to music. People say there’s such a connection (with music).

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RIPLEY ROAD
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a story about an ambulance driver specifically avoiding Ripley Road because of its poor condition.

Residents said the Department of Public Works (DPW) came out and tried to fix the potholes, but it is not possible to grade the road during winter because the ground is frozen.

Interim City Manager Scott Sutter said, “Due to the extreme weather that we have experienced this winter there is definitely an increased possibility for pothole problems. As far as Ripley Road, because of the extreme weather, we have had ice and when it melts, the frost will hold the water there.

“Our Department of Public Works will continue to assess Ripley Road as well as the roads throughout the city of Linden and we will try to address our citizens’ complaints in a timely manner with the staff and resources that we have.”

The majority of Ripley Road is in Linden. The city is responsible for Ripley Road from Silver Lake Road to Rolston Road, even though north of the railroad tracks, the east side of the road is in Fenton Township. A portion of the road is paved between Silver Lake Road and Rolston Road.

Fenton Township is responsible for Ripley Road from Rolston Road to Lahring Road, even though south of Loon Harbor Lane, the west side of the road is in the city of Linden.

In March 2018, the Times ran a story in which city officials explained that the reason for not paving Ripley Road is the cost—approximately $1 million.

Ripley Road resident Steve Spencer, who has lived in the city for decades, said in the past years, they have brought two petitions forward to create a special assessment district. These petitions must have signatures from at least 51 percent of the residents or road frontage. The first petition received more than 95 percent. The second petition received 100 percent.

Spencer said nothing was done despite the petitions. The cost of creating a special assessment district for the road to raise the funds would cost around $50,000 per lot, according to the Times March 2018 story.

In November 2018, Linden voters shot down a road millage and a plan that would have rehabilitated over a dozen city roads. That plan and millage did not include funds to pave Ripley Road.

The question of who’s responsible for the road could go to the Michigan Supreme Court. Howard Schrock v city of Linden and Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Genesee involves a bicycle rider who hit a pothole on Ripley Road in July 2017.

In the case, the plaintiff hit a pothole, causing him to go over the handlebars and land on his neck, according to a July 2016 Times article. The plaintiff broke his neck and suffered a severe spinal cord injury that led to an emergency helicopter flight to Ann Arbor for surgery.

In the case, Linden claims that Genesee County has jurisdiction over the road, while the GCRC claims it is Linden’s responsibility. In the latest ruling, the Court of Appeals claimed Linden has jurisdiction, but Linden Attorney Michael Gildnertold City Council that the case could go to the Michigan Supreme Court.

Rivera, her mother and other residents have been talking with the city for years, she said. She said they’ll go to the City Council meetings, and the council said they will fix it, but they don’t.

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March 4

1789: The first session of the U.S. Congress is held in New York City as the U.S. Constitution takes effect. However, of the 22 senators and 59 representatives called to report that 11 states had ratified the document, only nine senators and 13 representatives showed up to begin negotiations for its amendment.

March 5

1815: Franz Anton Mesmer, a German physician who pioneered the medical field of hypnotic therapy, dies in obscurity in Meersburg, Swabia (now Germany). Born in 1734, Mesmer studied religion, philosophy, law, and medicine in Vienna, Austria, but initially failed to excel at any of these fields. In the 1770s, he became fascinated with Father Glassner, a Swiss Roman Catholic priest who was well known as a documented faith healer. In 1772, Mesmer began to develop various therapeutic treatments for curing what he perceived to be animal magnetism obstructions, which included the use of scientific theories. His process of “mesmerism,” as it came to be known, produced hypnotic states in his patients that had an extraordinary influence on their physical illnesses.

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**PUREBRED**
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Purebred dogs are highly sought after pets and show dogs, but they are generally less healthy than mixed breeds.

“Generally, the mixed breed dogs are going to have fewer congenital defects and problems,” said Chris Repke, DVM, and owner of Pointe Animal Hospital in Fenton.

If two dogs of the same breed are mated and have puppies, they will pass the same genetic tendencies. Many genetic problems are recessive, and if both parents carry that problem, the pups are likely to have it.

With mixed breeds, “instead of having both genetic problems, you have half the problems with each breed,” Repke said.

While dogs have been bred for nearly 4,000 years for a specific purpose, such as hunting, these genetic issues with specific breeds have arisen in the past two centuries, according to scientificamerican.com. People began selectively breeding dogs to have certain physical attributes set by organizations such as the American Kennel Club.

Line breeding, also called inbreeding, describes when dogs are mated with direct relatives, such as grandmother and grandson. This often happens when a dog wins championships.

“As a result, purebred dogs not only have increased incidents of inherited diseases but also heightened health issues due to their bodily frames and shapes,” according to scientificamerican.com.

These health issues include hip dysplasia in large breeds like Saint Bernards and German shepherds, and joint dislocation in toy and miniature breeds. Dilated cardiomyopathy, a disease in which the heart becomes thin-walled and dilated, is most common in Dobermans. Golden retrievers are prone to aortic stenosis, which is a narrowing along the aorta, which causes heart problems.

“Shar-Peis are cutest when they’re really wrinkly but they have the most skin issues. The ones who look really cute or who have great body shaping, the ones who look the best get bred the most and that may or may not align with their overall health,” Repke said.

Shar-Pei health issues include hip and elbow dysplasia, hypothyroidism, eye problems, allergies and skin fold infections.

**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

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Diet cola drinkers beware...

New study warns women over 50 of significant health risks from multiple daily diet drinks

By Sally Rummel

Think twice, diet cola lovers.

You might want to consider changing your daily drinking habit to water. While that advice is nothing new, it has taken on slightly more urgency with a recent study published on Feb. 14, in Stroke, a journal of the American Heart Association (AHA).

This study reveals that women age 50 and older who consume more than one artificially sweetened drink a day are significantly more likely to have a stroke, heart attack and early death. These artificially sweetened drinks include sodas, fruit juices or others.

Even women with no history of heart disease or diabetes are considerably more vulnerable to death. These artificially sweetened drinks include sodas, fruit juices or others.

According to this study, women who drank less than one diet drink per week, regular imbiers had a:

• 23 percent enhanced likelihood of any kind of stroke.
• 31 percent higher chance of a stroke caused by a blocked artery, by far the most common.
• 29 percent increased possibility of a heart attack.
• 16 percent increased chance of dying from any cause.

Also causing concern is the revelation that diet-beverage drinkers without previous heart disease or diabetes who drink two-plus diet drinks a day were 2.44 times more likely to have a stroke caused by a blood clot.

That figure dipped to 2.103 times among obese women without those maladies but skyrocketed to 3.93 times among African-American women.

Authors of the study warn that their study only shows an association, not a cause-and-effect correlation, behind high consumption of artificially sweetened beverages. The results also are not applicable to men, or younger women.

While the results don’t suggest that diet drinks directly cause strokes, the association between the two creates questions about how artificial sweeteners might be affecting the body.

More studies are needed to provide definitive answers, according to Time.com, but work in animals suggests that compounds like saccharin and aspartame may compromise the body’s ability to break down glucose properly.

Impaired glucose control can lead to diabetes, a risk factor for heart disease and circulatory problems like stroke. The artificial sweeteners may be altering the bacteria living in the gut, which may disrupt the body’s ability to control glucose.

“There is also a need for more research to determine which artificial sweeteners might be more or less associated with stroke, and to track more closely how long people drink diet beverages before their risk starts to rise.”

There has also been mounting evidence about the dangers of high consumption of diet beverages relating to a higher risk of dementia, obesity and Type 2 diabetes.

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The study revealed that women age 50 and older who consume more than one artificially sweetened drink a day are significantly more likely to have a stroke, heart attack and early death. These artificially sweetened drinks include sodas, fruit juices or others.

Even women with no history of heart disease or diabetes are considerably more vulnerable to death. These artificially sweetened drinks include sodas, fruit juices or others.

According to this study, women who drank less than one diet drink per week, regular imbiers had a:

• 23 percent enhanced likelihood of any kind of stroke.
• 31 percent higher chance of a stroke caused by a blocked artery, by far the most common.
• 29 percent increased possibility of a heart attack.
• 16 percent increased chance of dying from any cause.

Also causing concern is the revelation that diet-beverage drinkers without previous heart disease or diabetes who drink two-plus diet drinks a day were 2.44 times more likely to have a stroke caused by a blood clot.

That figure dipped to 2.103 times among obese women without those maladies but skyrocketed to 3.93 times among African-American women.

Authors of the study warn that their study only shows an association, not a cause-and-effect correlation, behind high consumption of artificially sweetened beverages. The results also are not applicable to men, or younger women.

While the results don’t suggest that diet drinks directly cause strokes, the association between the two creates questions about how artificial sweeteners might be affecting the body.

More studies are needed to provide definitive answers, according to Time.com, but work in animals suggests that compounds like saccharin and aspartame may compromise the body’s ability to break down glucose properly.

Impaired glucose control can lead to diabetes, a risk factor for heart disease and circulatory problems like stroke. The artificial sweeteners may be altering the bacteria living in the gut, which may disrupt the body’s ability to control glucose.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

**ATTENTION DRIVERS IN rural Holly Township, especially on Falk Road. Please reduce your speed on these dirt roads to avoid deer collisions, especially in the early evening. There is no reason to be doing 50 mph or more on these roads. Remember, it will be a hassle to your life and vehicle, as well if you hit the wildlife.**

**WHO IS PAUL?**

Hassan and why should people be mad at him?

TO ‘HEAVEN HAS a wall.’ Good to see you are using Louie Gohmert’s thoughts instead of thinking for yourself. Group think is the kind of thinking that probably led you to believe Heaven is real in the first place.
Invasive species in southeast Michigan

Zebra mussels, mute swans and garlic mustard harm native environment

By Hannah Ball
This is the first article in a series on invasive species in southeast Michigan. Southeast Michigan has more than a dozen invasive species that usually cause harm to the environment.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) work together to track and handle invasive species in the state. If you see an invasive species in the woods, on your lake or anywhere else, you can contact the Midwest Invasive Species Information Network at michigan.gov. You can also download the app to report from your phone.

Zebra mussel
Zebra mussels are about 1 inch in length with shell colors that range from white to tan to brown. They’re found latched onto hard surfaces in the water. A mature female is capable of producing up to one million eggs per season. Zebra mussels are native to the Black, Caspian and Azov Seas, and came to local fresh lakes by ballast water from transoceanic vessels.

This freshwater creature removes a “substantial” amount of particulates and phytoplankton, which decreases food for zooplankton. It leads to an accumulation of pseudofeces and foul environments. When they colonize on native mussel species by the thousands, they can be fatal to that mussel. They constrict water flow through pipes, affect recreational boating and impact fish habitats.

To combat the spread of zebra mussels, Michigan uses Integrated Pest Management strategies, which prevents the creatures from getting into local lakes. Genesee County has 11 to 20 zebra mussel location points, while Oakland County has between 37 and 114 and Livingston County has between 21 and 36.

Mute swan
Mute swans are easily identified by their orange beaks. They were brought to North America in the mid-1800s to decorate parks and estates, but escaped and established a feral population. Their numbers are growing, and it causes conflicts and damage across the state, according to the MDNR.

As one of the world’s most aggressive waterfowl species, these swans drive out native waterfowl and wetland life with their hostile behavior by chasing native breeding birds from those birds’ own nests. One mute swan can consume up to eight pounds of plants a day, which takes away a food source for native birds and fish. They can destroy an entire wetland ecosystem.

Each year, the MDNR reports multiple incidents of mute swans attacking people on boats and on shore. The MDNR has a few programs to reduce the mute swan population, including nest destruction, removal, and euthanasia. Some of these programs are controversial.

Garlic mustard
Garlic mustard, which is native to Europe and parts of western Asia, is an herbaceous, flowering plant that smells like garlic when crushed. The clusters of tiny, white four-petaled flowers bloom in early spring above the green leaves that are toothed and triangular.

This invasive plant is a concern because it spreads quickly and outcompetes understory plants, including tree seedlings. It also produces allelopathic compounds that can limit seed germination in other species. The garlic mustard seeds are blown around or transported by vehicles.

The primary goal for control is to prevent second-year plants from producing seeds. This may include hand pulling, root slicing, chemical control and clipping.

SOURCE: michigan.gov, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
Following a public hearing Thursday, planners voted to allow up to 12 children

By Vera Hogan

The Fenton Planning Commission held a public hearing Thursday, Feb. 28, on a request to permit a group daycare home where up to 12 children could be cared for. According to Building and Zoning Administrator Mike Reilly, the Planning Commission approved a Special Land Use for 963 Parallel St. to allow for a child day care up to 12 children.

Currently, they are allowed to care for up to six children, according to the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. The facility’s name is Miss D’s Tot Spot.

No one spoke during the public hearing held prior to the vote.

Carmine Avantini, the city planner, had a few concerns about the size of the home, but those concerns were addressed when the owner explained she had a full finished basement with egress windows.

Avantini’s concerns also included the fact that another employee would have to be in the daycare with 12 kids present, which there is. Parking was another issue, however, the owner claims there are two additional parking spaces in the garage for daycare business use.

The home is in the residential Oakwood Subdivision south of High Street, west of State Road. The property is zoned MDR (medium density residential).

According to city records, the 1,120-square-foot house was built in 1972. It has three bedrooms and one full bath. It has an unfinished basement and a detached garage, according to city records. It is located on a 0.165-acre parcel.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

HELLER DOES NOT understand economics. He wants high taxes on corporations, but the companies just pass that on to consumers. Thus he wants to tax all of us.

HEADLINE ON WEDNESDAY’S Times said that the federal government is going to send over $5 million to the Fenton area for roads. Looks like Trump beat Whitmer to fixing the damn roads.

AFTER TWO YEARS of living under a Trump administration, I very much prefer Trump to the eight years of Obama I lived through. My federal income tax was $1,900 less. Congress has an approval rating of about 12 percent. Trump’s approval rating is about 52 percent. Guess who wins?

AFTER READING THE remarks of hate groups, I looked it up and there are no pro-religion or pro-American organizations on their list. There are however Neo-Nazi, White Nationalist, Ku Klux Klan, general hate, racist skinhead and anti-Muslim in Michigan. Horrible.

I’M WITH THE King in that I like the cops etc. What bothers me is the whining liberals who don’t support the very people that look after us.

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY has successfully morphed into a party of sniveling brats whose hypocrisy knows no limits and has no shame. I am a retired UAW representative and do not recognize the party that once stood for workers’ rights and fair wages.

THE GREEN NEW Deal, which AOC has helped bring from the fringes into the mainstream American conversation, is a sweeping reform that seeks to tackle fast-encroaching climate change and income inequality in the next decade.
The face of Holly wrestling, Don Pluta, retiring after state meet

By David Troppens
One day while in middle school Don Pluta had a conversation with his mom. “I remember this day telling my mom I wanted to teach and coach at Holly and that’s what I’ve been doing since 1978,” Pluta said. “Not a lot of people get to do their dream job, but this is what I’ve wanted to do since I was a young kid. It’s a comforting feeling to be able to live my dream for so many years.”

While living his dream, Pluta has done something else. He’s become the face of the Holly varsity wrestling program. He joined the program when Bob Varner, the program’s first coach, suggested that maybe Pluta’s 5-foot-6 frame would work better on the wrestling mat versus the basketball court. Pluta listened, wrestled and quickly fell in love with the sport. Four years later, when Varner died of a heart attack while Pluta was at Western Michigan University, he knew what he was going to do.

“When he died of a heart attack that changed my whole approach,” Pluta said. “Instead of being the varsity football coach, I wanted to take over the wrestling program because I knew the work he started wasn’t complete.”

And ever since 1983, that’s what Pluta has been doing, coaching Holly’s wrestling program. But that’s going to change after the individual state wrestling meet at Ford Field ends on Saturday. After 36 seasons, Don Pluta will retire Holly’s varsity wrestling coach. And he will do so in front of a large group of past Holly wrestlers, parents and fans at Ford Field.

“I’m going to be 64 this June, and it’s been a good run,” Pluta said. “I’m content with my decision. Emotionally, it’s a hard thing to do, but I want to do what’s best for the program. But that’s going to change.

Linden shows progress vs. Mustangs

By David Troppens
Wins have been hard to come by for the Linden varsity girls basketball team this season.

But through it all, the squad continues to fight hard, and are now starting to show serious strides of improvement.

The Eagles are starting to have some of their best offensive games of the season, and that was very evident in a 68-43 loss on the road to the Clio Mustangs.

The 43 points represent the second-highest point total of the season. The Eagles scored 45 on Dec. 14 in their only victory of the season against Old Redford Academy, winning the contest 45-25.

Linden’s Taylor Acox drives to the bucket in a recent game. The Eagles scored the second-most points they have scored in a contest this season when they scored 43 against Clio. Photo: Mark Bolen

“During the last couple of games we’ve been making better decisions with the basketball, not forcing what’s not there, rather, recognizing offensive opportunities and taking advantage of them,” first-year varsity Linden girls basketball coach Patrick Gallemore said. “Our offensive execution has been better as of late, and with that our confidence has grown.”

By David Troppens
The spring track season hasn’t even started yet, but at least one tri-county run.

Michigan University in the 3,200 meter run.

Fenton runners earn firsts at MITS Indoor State Finals

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The two were the only runners to finish the race in under 11 minutes.

Fenton’s Alexa Keiser earned a first at the MITS Indoor State Finals held at Eastern Michigan University in the 3,200 meter run. File photo

Linden’s Brenden Miller tries to work around Fenton’s Parker Brady in the Eagles’ 61-46 district semifinal victory at Hartland High School, Wednesday. Photo: David Troppens

Eagles beat Tigers, earn spot in district final

By David Troppens
Hartland — Having your best player out due to injury — apparently that’s not a problem for the Linden varsity boys basketball team.

The Linden varsity boys basketball team made it two wins in two tries since its sophomore star Blake Lund’s season ended due to an injury. However, the Eagles have proven in both games that they are more than one player — they truly are a team.

A couple days after beating Fenton 73-52 during the two teams’ final regular season game, the area rivals faced off again in a Division 1 district semifinal contest at Hartland High School, Wednesday.

The Eagles surged to an early lead, held on to that lead and won a 61-46 contest, earning Linden a spot in the district title game against Howell, Friday. Results of that game can be found at www.myfenton.com or in Wednesday’s publication.

One thing the Eagles have done this year is take care of their biggest rivals, the Fenton Tigers. Wednesday’s game represented the third time the squad beat the Tigers, all by double-digit margins.

Fenton (7-14) competed better in Wednesday’s game than the Tigers did in Friday’s loss, but the contest did follow a pattern established on Friday. Just like Friday the Eagles jumped out to a double-digit lead after one quarter. The Tigers matched hoops with Linden for a bit.

Fenton’s Ethan Pyeatt and Brandon Miller also earned a first, but they earned them in relay events. Pyeatt teamed with Parker Raymond, Lukas Mitrius and Noah Fuerst to post the best time overall in the 4x400 meter relay with a time of 3:26.33. Meanwhile, Miller teamed with Raymond, Udodi Onwuzurike and Fuerst to record the best time in the 1,600 sprint medley relay (3:33.22).

Fenton’s Alexa Keiser recently took first place at the MITS Indoor State Finals held at Eastern Michigan University in the 3,200 meter run.

Fenton’s Tylor Acox drives to the bucket in a recent game. The Eagles scored the second-most points they have scored in a contest this season when they scored 43 against Clio. Photo: Mark Bolen

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Tigers cruise past Lapeer Lightning

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity girls basketball team’s winning streak is now up to 11 games. The outright Metro League champions earned their 11th straight victory by earning a 47-34 road victory against the Lapeer Lightning, Tuesday. The Tigers (17-2) used their defense to earn the victory. Lapeer held Fenton’s offense in check for the most part, but the Tigers held the Lightning to less than double-digits in each quarter.

The Tigers led just 13-9 after one quarter, but steadily increased the lead during the second quarter, and led 28-18 at halftime. Lapeer probably needed to start making a dent into the lead in the third quarter, but were unable to do so, as Fenton won that period as well, 12-8. Fenton led 40-26 entering the final quarter.

Chloe Idoni is putting together some of her best games of the season in recent weeks, and had another strong one against Lapeer, netting 19 points and 10 rebounds.

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it’s the right thing to do.”

Pluta’s time with the Holly wrestling program has produced nine Flint Metro League titles, three team state trips and nine individual state championships among seven different individuals. But if you ask his wrestlers, they’ll say the program will lose more than some hardware and his 688 career victories with Pluta’s departure.

The program is losing a legend.

“My first thought was what is he going to do with his time,” ex-Holly wrestler and assistant coach Jesse Grenillo said. “When I moved to Holly both of Don’s boys were in the youth program and I met Don when I was 8 years old. He was a great ambassador of the sport. He was a fun coach. He was a fun guy when I wrestled and he was a fun guy when I came on staff. He made you laugh and it was very entertaining to be with him. It’s crazy to think of all that he’s done.”

“He’s more than a coach,” ex-Holly wrestler Matt Turner said.

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Griffins fall to Davison in pre-district contest

By David Troppens

The Fenton/Linden co-op hockey team had a tough task in its opening district tournament game.

The Griffins faced off against the Davison Cardinals.

The contest started out fine enough, with the Griffins scoring the first goal. The area co-op also was tied 2-2 early into the second period. However, Davison scored six unanswered goals and eventually captured a 9-4 pre-district victory against the Griffins at Flint’s Dort Federal Credit Union Events Center.

Zach Eakes scored the game’s first goal for Fenton/Linden 8:18 into the contest. However, less than a minute later Davison’s Jeffrey Schmidt scored, tying the game. Dylan McMullen scored for the Cardinals about two minutes later, and the Griffins trailed 2-1.

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Holly ends regular season with loss to Hartland, 62-54

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity girls basketball team will be playing in the Hartland district next week. Apparently the Bronchos wanted to get comfortable with the surroundings before the tournament, because Holly traveled to Hartland Thursday night, losing a tight 62-54 verdict.

Both teams had their moments.
Try automotive technology or repair as a skilled trades career

By Sally Rummel

This is the third article in a series about skilled trades opportunities.

With Detroit nicknamed “Motor City,” it’s no wonder that auto mechanic careers are popular in Michigan — home of the “Big Three” automakers, General Motors, Ford Motor Company and Fiat Chrysler Automobiles.

Skilled technicians are definitely in demand, according to the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL). By 2022, the DOL projects there will be more than 1.2 million jobs in the automotive, diesel, collision repair, motorcycle and marine industries.

The average salary for an auto mechanic in Michigan typically falls between $32,905 and $43,192, depending on education, certifications, additional skills and the number of years in this profession, according to Salary.com.

While some states require no certification for mechanics, the state of Michigan requires repair facilities to employ people who are properly certified for the type of repairs performed by the facility. Holders of valid mechanic trainee permits must work under the supervision of a properly certified mechanic.

“It helps if you have a mechanical background, knowing what happens after you turn ‘righty tighty, lefty loosey,” said Chris Werth, service manager at Vic Canever Chevrolet in Fenton. “If you’re mechanically inclined and know the basics about how engines work, brakes work, etc., you can get started. A lot comes from on-the-job training.”

Then it all comes down to licensing and certification.

Michigan has one of the most comprehensive licensing systems with 11 categories for certification in Automobile and Light Truck repair, seven categories in Heavy-Duty Truck repair and additional categories for Motorcycle and Recreational Trailer repairs.

To become a Master Automobile Mechanic, a person needs to be certified in the first eight Automobile and Light Truck categories, which include engine repair, tune-ups, suspension and steering systems, brakes, transmissions and drive axles, as well as electrical, heating and air conditioning systems. Those with fewer than six of the first eight categories are licensed as Specialty Mechanics.

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**MOTT**

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The Foundation has helped many local causes in its more than nine decades of charitable giving.

- In 1968, it provided a $50 grant for the building fund at St. John Catholic Church in Fenton. “This is a fun factoid,” said Duane Eiling of Fenton Township, who serves as the Mott Foundation’s Communications Officer — Flint Area.

- Grants over the years to Genesee County Parks helped support Linden County Park.

- $35,000 was given to Mott Community College in 1991 to develop the Southern Lakes Center satellite campus on Thompson Road.

- Approximately $16 million in grants for Bridges to the Future afterschool programs was given to all 21 Genesee County school districts from 2001 to 2009.

- Support for the Flint and Genesee Literacy Network was given, whose partners include the Fenton Center of Hope.

- Support was provided to on-campus and outreach programs from the Flint Institute of Arts, Sloan Museum, Longway Planetarium and The Whiting Auditorium.

- Special grants were given to the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan for programs like the Flint Diaper Bank and community Help Centers that centralized a variety of resources during the Flint water crisis.

- The Applewood Estate, C.S. Mott’s family home and gentleman’s farm, which he built in 1916, is operated by the Ruth Mott Foundation, and is open to the public with special events and tours beginning in May. The Ruth Mott Foundation, which concentrates its philanthropy efforts in northern Flint, was founded by Ruth Mott, C.S. Mott’s fourth wife.

**About Charles Stewart Mott**

Born in 1875 in Newark, New Jersey, Charles Stewart Mott worked for his family’s Mott Beverage Co. after earning his engineering degree at Stevens Institute of Technology. After his father died, he took control of the family’s wire wheel company in Utica, New York, and made it profitable by manufacturing axles. He moved his Weston-Mott Company to Flint in 1906, to produce wire wheels and axles for the emerging automobile industry.

In 1908 and again in 1913, he exchanged Weston-Mott stock for GM stock and became a company director, serving on GM’s board of directors from 1913 to 1973, when GM became the world’s largest automaker. He founded the Mott Foundation in 1926 with a $320,000 endowment and the hope of giving back to his adopted city of Flint through a charitable organization.

Mott passed away in 1973 at the age of 97.

**About the Mott Foundation**

The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation has offices in Flint, Troy, London, England and Johannesburg, South Africa. “For more than 90 years, we’ve been committed to Flint and Genesee County,” said Mott Foundation President and CEO Ridgway White. “And our goal, both here at home and around the world, is to help people and organizations work in partnership with their communities to address challenges and create opportunities.”

Four members of the Mott family have directed Mott Foundation operations during the past 90 years: C.S. Mott, his son C.S. Harding Mott; William S. White, Harding Mott’s son-in-law. Today, Ridgway H. White, 39, of Fenton Township, great-grandson of C.S. Mott, has been president since 2015.

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“Each test costs about $25,” Werth said. “We reimburse our employees for the fee if they pass the test.”

Many employers also require mechanic- to earn Automotive Service Excellence certification from the National Institute for Automotive Excellence. To qualify for ASE certification, automotive technicians must have two years of on- the-job training and a two-year degree in automotive repair. Professionals must retake the ASE test every five years to continue certification.

“It’s the highest certification a mechanic can have,” Werth said. However, ASE certification alone doesn’t qualify an individual as a state-certified mechanic in Michigan. Michigan has its own state-specific certification requirements.

Werth said that it helps to have experience coming in, with formal training from an automotive school. Many of these programs can be completed in six months to two years. Students can even start their automotive technology studies at a high school junior, through the Genesee Career Institute in Flint Township.

“I would definitely recommend GCI,” Werth said.

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**HALITOSIS**

Halitosis (bad breath) can have several different causes. Many medical conditions such as sinuses ( sinus infection), digestive conditions such as ulcers or acid reflux, and diabetes can all cause bad breath. Certain foods such as onions and garlic can cause halitosis. Alcoholic and cigarette smoking will also cause bad breath.

A main cause of malodor is often times due to the poor condition of the teeth and gums. Probably the most common cause of bad breath is dehydration or dry mouth which allows for the proliferation of sulfur producing bacteria. This is why most people awake with nasty “morning breath.” It’s difficult to determine whether your own breath is bad. This is because your own sense of smell accustomed to its oral nasal/environment and doesn’t detect anything different even if it’s smelly bad. So breathing into your cupped hand and smearing rarely works to detect halitosis. A better way to determine if your breath is bad is to lick and then smell the back of your hand or scrape your tongue with a spoon and then smell the spoon.

Tips for good breath:

1. Visit your dentist every 6 months to ensure the good health of your teeth and gums.
2. Brush and floss every day.
3. Brush your tongue every day. (Your tongue has more surface area than the rest of the mouth combined)
4. Keep well hydrated by drinking plenty of water.
5. After a meal of onions and garlic be sure to brush and floss.
6. If you drink alcohol, do so in moderation.
7. Try not to smoke.

If you have concerns about halitosis, Call for your free consultation I will be able to determine its cause and if there is an issue that needs further attention.

I welcome your questions and comments. Feel free to e-mail me drusatrato@comcast.net or call me at 810-629-8282.

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Citizen volunteers make it all happen

By Vera Hogan

For the past several weeks, I have been writing a series for our Wednesday Midweek editions about the city of Fenton’s boards and commissions, and the many citizen volunteers who donate their time and energy to make our city the best it can be.

Fenton is a city where people seek to visit whether it’s for outstanding shopping opportunities, great dining experiences, to enjoy our many events and recreational activities or just hang out for a day.

When I received a list of all the volunteers working on our boards and commissions, it made me happy to learn that I don’t know most of them. That tells me that many newcomers are stepping up to fill vacancies on these boards.

Next time you visit one of our parks, know that is the members of the Park and Recreation Commission that make sure our beautiful parks are the best they can be, and are working to make them even better.

Next time you visit the library, whether it’s to browse the books, take out a movie or use a computer, know that it is a group of people serving on the Library Board that keep this facility a place any town would be proud to call their own.

Our history is lovingly preserved by the members of the Museum Board. Its members do what it takes to care for the thousands of artifacts, documents and more that tell our town’s story from long ago to the present.

In the event you have occasion to say good-bye to a loved one at Oakwood Cemetery, know that the reason we have one of the most beautiful cemeteries in the country, is because of the citizen volunteers who serve on the Oakwood Cemetery Board.

While you’re walking around downtown this summer, stop to smell and enjoy the flowers. It was members of the Beautification Commission, who among many other things, stuck their hands in the dirt to bring earth’s bounty to life.

The work of some boards and commissions is a bit more complicated. The Planning Commission is one of them. Whenever you see a new development or building go up or a major renovation take place, know that these folks spent hours making sure that every I is dotted and T is crossed so that projects in the city follow all laws and design guidelines. They take heat sometimes for their decisions, but know that those decisions are for the benefit of all of us.

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is another one of those more complicated boards. They make some pretty big things a reality, such as the two-year, award-winning Streetscape project. Some of its more fun projects include making downtown Fenton rich with colorful art and sculptures. And this year, if all goes according to plan, we’ll be able to enjoy the new Butterfly Garden.

There are other, less sexy boards and commissions, but know that their tasks are any less important. They include the LDFA (Local Development Finance Authority) charged with matters in the industrial park; the Compensation Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Review and Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

None of them are getting paid and they’re doing it for you — just sayin’.

Area students earn Good Citizen Award

Students from Holly, Lake Fenton and Linden recognized

Compiled By Sharon Stone

Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Clarkston’s Sashabaw Plains Chapter luncheon Saturday, Feb. 9 are (from left) Jamie Elrod of Fenton High School, Olivia Stoddard of Linden High School, Justin Bicego of Lake Fenton High School, Abbygale Hoffman-Wiegand of Our Lady of the Lakes Parish School and Amy Coomer of Clarkston High School. Photo courtesy of DAR

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Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Clarkston’s Sashabaw Plains Chapter awarded five Good Citizen awards in February to high school seniors, including students from Holly, Lake Fenton and Linden. The award recognizes dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.

Megan Lesperance attends Holly High School and is the president of the Executive Board at school. Her grades have been recognized on the honor roll her entire high school career. She is on her school’s tennis team and she volunteers at a retirement community. Lesperance plans a career in criminal justice or elementary education.

Rachel Learman attends Lake Fenton High School and maintains a 4.0 grade point average. She takes college prep courses, is active in the band and theatre as well as the National Honor Society. She participates in service activities through her church and is enthusiastic about the Good Citizen competition because she values leadership “to stand up against injustice or stand down for the sake of peace.”

Emily Buckley attends Linden High School, is a summer school assistant instructor. In 2017, she received the President’s Volunteer Service Award for 750 hours of volunteer service in one year.

Amanda Miner of Our Lady of the Lakes Parish School and Megan Ruggiello of Clarkston High School were also recipients of the award.
Professions that are gone forever, or at least on their way out

By Vera Hogan

Living in the age of modern technology has its pluses, but there are some professions that are gone because of it — some which we would love to have come back or at least stick around a while longer.

**GAS STATION ATTENDANT**

There is a reason they called them “filling stations” back in the day. Not only could you get your gas tank filled by a living person, you could get your oil and other fluids checked, and your windows washed and never get out of your car. Today, you can go to a gas station (which usually doubles as a convenience store), get gas, a pizza, the newspaper, a 12-pack of beer and a lottery ticket — but you have to pump your own gas. Photo source: kyforward.com

**ELEVATOR OPERATOR**

Those old enough to remember appreciated the presence of an elevator operator, on every elevator whether it was at a hotel, or in a multi-floor department store. Who could forget the person who did everything for guests or shoppers? Remember how it was long ago at the multiple floor Macy’s or Marshall Field’s? Who could forget the little man in the red uniform and cap who would greet you in the elevator. “Lingerie, fourth floor … DING!” Photo source: schindler.com

**MILKMAN**

Okay, it is possible these days to get groceries delivered to your home. But the milkman was different. Every home had a basket at the back door, and every day your mom would fill out the ticket with her order. Gallon of milk, eggs, butter, cheese, sour cream — and it was all fresh when delivered the next day. No need to put expiration dates on these items and all containers were recycled. Just leave the empties in the basket for the next time the milkman came around. Photo source: pinterest.com

**VIDEO STORE CLERK**

This may be one of the latest jobs to become obsolete. But with cable and dozens of streaming devices available, people just aren’t renting movies that get popped into a video playing machine anymore. That’s too bad because the video store clerk was always a wealth of knowledge on what movies are good or not so good. Photo source: cheatsheet.com

**SHOE REPAIR**

There are still a few shoe repair people working their craft on shoes, purses and other leather items. We live in a disposable world, however, and paying these good folks what they’re worth may not be frugal if you’re on a budget and can buy shoes for your family cheaper at a big box department store than to have them fixed. It might be different if you’re lucky enough to own a $500 pair of Italian shoes or a designer handbag worth hundreds and sometimes thousands of dollars. But in the grand scheme of things, the days of the shoe repair person may soon be gone. Photo source: korg.com

**DOOR-TO-DOOR SALESMAN**

Residents in our local communities may occasionally be interrupted by knocking at their door from someone ready to replace the roof or windows, but those folks are few and far between. And it’s not safe to answer the door to strangers. That wasn’t always so in the mid-1900s when the Fuller Brush salesman, the vacuum cleaner salesman, or the Encyclopedia Britannica salesman and more could regularly be seen walking their sales territories. Photo source: goodwins-removals.com

**GROCERY STORE CASHIER**

Okay, they’re not really gone yet — but they will be if stores insist on installing self-service checkout lanes. Do store managers ever wonder why there are 20 people standing in line, with full grocery carts, waiting patiently for their turn with the HUMAN cashier? It’s obvious some stores have made a significant investment into these self-checkout lanes. It would be wise though to keep some of the live cashiers around. Shoppers like them a lot better! Photo source: pinterest.com

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BOARD SEAT VACANCY
FENTON AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS is seeking candidates to fill two vacant board of education seats:

Mr. Rick Koester, whose term expires December 31, 2020
Mrs. Kristen Harmon, whose term expires December 31, 2022

Interested candidates must reside in the Fenton Area Public School district

Letters of Interest must be submitted by:

Time: 4:00 p.m.
Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2019

To: Mr. Keith Reynolds, Board President, C/O Michele Wilson
Fenton Area Public Schools, Administration Building
3100 Owen Road, Fenton, MI 48430
Village of Holly
Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Holly has adopted the following ordinance:

Date: February 12, 2019
Place: Holly Schools Auditorium
929 E. Baird Street, Holly, MI 48442
Effective Date: Immediately upon publication

The proposed ordinance number 456 prohibits marijuana establishments in the Village of Holly.

The full text of the proposed Ordinance is available for review in the Office of the Village Clerk/Treasurer, 300 East Street, Holly, Michigan 48442 during regular business hours. Comments concerning the ordinance should be directed to the Village Clerk/Treasurer at the above address or by telephone (248) 634-9571.

Deborah J. Bigger
Clerk-Treasurer
Village of Holly

Public Notice to the Taxpayers and Property Owners of the Charter Township of Fenton

2019 Board of Review

The Board of Review of the Charter Township of Fenton will meet at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan at the dates and times listed below.

Monday March 11, 2019
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.*
Tuesday March 12, 2019
1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.*
Wednesday March 13, 2019
3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.*

* The Monday Board of Review session will be recessed for a 1-hour meal break at 12:00 p.m. The Tuesday and Wednesday sessions will be recessed for a 1-hour meal break at 6:00 p.m.

At these sessions the Board of Review will hear any appeals or objections and review potential corrections to the assessment roll.

Property owners may file their appeals in writing, provided such appeals are received by the Board of Review no later than 9:00 p.m. on March 13, 2019.

Property owners wishing to appeal in person may do so on a first-come-first-served basis on the dates and times indicated above. Appointments will not be scheduled.

Tentative Equalization Multipliers

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Robert E. Krug, Clerk
Charter Township of Fenton

Groveland Township
Oakland County, Michigan

Notice Regarding Adoption of Ordinance No. 216, Adding Chapter 28, Prohibition of Marijuana Establishments and Medical Marijuana Facilities

To: The Residents and Property Owners of Groveland Township, Oakland County, Michigan, and Any Other Interested Persons:

Please take notice that at a meeting held on February 11, 2019 the Groveland Township Board adopted Ordinance No. 216, adding Chapter 28 which is summarized as follows:

Ordinance No. 216—Prohibition of Marijuana Establishments and Medical Marijuana Facilities to Chapter 28, as amended, to provide for the definition of words, the prohibition of Marijuana Establishments within the boundaries of the Township of Groveland pursuant to the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act, initiated law 1 of 2016, MCL 333.27951, et seq., as may be amended, the prohibition of Medical Marijuana facilities within the boundaries of the Township of Groveland, the prohibition of sale and consumption of Marijuana in public places and providing penalties for violation of the ordinance.

This ordinance will go into effect 30 days after publication as required by law.

Please take further notice that the full text of the original Ordinance No. 216 may be inspected and a copy of the same may be obtained by contacting the Groveland Township Clerk as indicated below.

Patricia A. Back Clerk, CMMC, Groveland Township,
4695 Grange Hall Rd., Holly, MI 48442
248-634-4152

Public Notice

Jumble for Kids

Weekend Scrambler

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag! Answers in this edition of the Tri-County Times

About this... You sold me last year as a puppy...

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Answers in this edition of the Tri-County Times
TYRONE TOWNSHIP
2019 BOARD OF REVIEW
PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2019 Board of Review will be held at the Tyrone Township Hall, located at 10408 Center Road, Fenton, MI 48430 on the following dates and times:

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019
Organizational Meeting 9:00 am

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2019
9:00 am -12:00 pm, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Please call (810) 629-8631 for a recommended appointment. Letters of appeal will be accepted and must be received by 9:00 pm on March 14, 2019. No faxes or emails will be accepted.

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Final expected ratios are: Tentative Ratio 50%, Tentative Factor 1.00

Bruce Little, Tyrone Township Assessor

TOWNSHIP OF HOLLY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) requirements, a public hearing will be held by the Holly Township Board at its regular meeting on March 20, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., or shortly thereafter, at the Holly Area Schools Board Room, Karl Richter Community Center, 920 E. Baird St., Holly, MI 48442 to receive written and verbal comment regarding the reprogramming of federal CDBG Funds as follows:

FROM:
- 2016 Clearance and Demolition 730345 $ 4,576
- 2017 Clearance and Demolition 730345 $17,731
- 2016 Housing Rehabilitation 730898 $ 4,576
- 2017 Housing Rehabilitation 730898 $17,731
- 2018 Housing Rehabilitation 730898 $15,954

TO:
- 2018 Clearance and Demolition 730345 $15,954
- 2017 Housing Rehabilitation 730898 $17,731
- 2018 Housing Rehabilitation 730898 $15,954

The Holly Township Hall is handicap accessible. Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs will be made upon receiving a seven (7) day advance notice. Contact Holly Township Clerk at the number above for special services.

Karin S. Winchester, MMC
Holly Township Clerk

Notice
City of Fenton
March 2019 Board of Review

The City of Fenton 2019 March Board of Review will meet at the Fenton City Conference Room, 301 S. Leroy St. Fenton, Michigan 48430, at the following times for the purpose of hearing protests to Assessed values and the review of hardship exemption applications and Disabled Veteran Exemptions.

Monday March 4th 2019 9am-9:15am (organizational), 9:15am-Noon (Appeals)
Wednesday March 6th 2pm-4pm & 6pm-9pm (Appeals)
Tuesday March 5th 2019 9am-Noon (Appeals)
Tuesday March 19th 9am-Noon (Appeals)
Wednesday March 20th 10am-Noon (Appeals)

Meetings with the Board of Review are held by appointment only. Appointments can be scheduled by contacting the Assessor’s Office at (810)629-2261, or by visiting Fenton City offices and scheduling.

Property owners may appeal in writing to the Board of Review. Written appeals must be received no later than 5pm Tuesday March 19th, 2019.

The 2019 tentative equalization ratio is 50% and the estimated multiplier is 1.0000. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Tuesday March 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. regarding the proposed 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Township Budget, all funds.

Marcella Husted
Tyrone Township Clerk

NOTICE
ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS
MARCH 2019 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING DATES

The Argentine Township Board of Review for 2019 will be held at the Argentine Township Hall, 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden MI 48451 on the following dates:

Tuesday March 5, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. - Organizational Meeting

Appeal Hearings:
Monday, March 11, 2019 -------------------------------------------- 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 12, 2019 -------------------------------------------- 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 13, 2019 -------------------------------------------- 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY CALL (810) 735-5050 TO SCHEDULE

By Board Resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 13, 2019.

The 2019 tentative equalization ratio is 50% and the estimated multiplier is 1.0000 for all property classifications.

Protest at the Board of Review is necessary to protect your right to further your appeals to the Michigan Tax Tribunal for valuation and exemption appeals and/or State Tax Commission for classification appeals.

To claim the homestead exemption, if you have not already done so, you must file an affidavit before June 1, 2019 to affect the summer taxes and before November 1, 2019 to affect the winter taxes.

Brian J Saad, Supervisor
Argentine Township
## Service Directory

### BUILDING & REMODELING
- **McNeill Construction LLC**
  - Phone: 810-931-8644
  - Services: General Contracting

### CAR CARE
- **B.H.I. Home Improvements**
  - Phone: 810-931-3485
  - Services: Roofing, Siding, Decks, Additions, Garden設計等

### CHIMNEY CLEANING
- **Lauricella Painting**
  - Phone: 248-210-8392
  - Services: Interior, Exterior Painting

### FENCING
- **McIntyre’s Soft Water Service**
  - Phone: 517-730-7262
  - Services: Soft Water Installation

### HANDYMAN
- **HANDYMAN MIKE**
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  - Services: Repairs, Remodeling

### HOME IMPROVEMENT
- **Byron Plumbing & Water Treatment**
  - Phone: 810-343-3591
  - Services: Drain Cleaning, Plumbing Repairs

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Dennis C. Frederick
1954-2019
Dennis C. Frederick - age 64, of Linden, passed away February 26, 2019. Funeral services will be held 2 PM Sunday, March 3, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Pastor Lisa Lanning officiating. Visitation will be held 4-8 PM Saturday, March 2, 2019. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to Snuggle Sacks Survival Kits for the Homeless. Dennis was born July 12, 1954 in Detroit to the late Charles and Glenda (Sherman) Frederick. He married Shelley Smith (Johnson) in Fenton on July 10, 2000. Dennis graduated from Utica High School andattended the U.S. Air Force for four years. He was the owner of Precision Metal Spinning of Fenton. Dennis enjoyed cooking, playing his guitar, woodworking, and tending to his garden and orchard. Surviving are: wife, Shelley Frederick; children, Brian (Amy) Frederick, Erin (Scott) Lucas, Lauren (Austin) Widing, and Kaitlyn Johnson; grandchildren, Travis, Carson, Delanie, Sullivan, Roman, and Georgia; sisters, Diana, and Deana; several nieces and nephews. Dennis was preceded in death by: his parents; and sister, Dara. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Donald Valley

John Ocenasek

Veronica Somerville

Elizabeth Anne “Bette” Jackson
1942-2019
Elizabeth Anne “Bette” Jackson - age 76, of Fenton, died February 25, 2019. Funeral services will be held 11:30 AM Monday, March 4, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Pastor Lindsey Cames officiating. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Saturday, March 2, 2019 from 4-9 PM. Those desiring may make contributions to First Presbyterian Church of Fenton, Alzheimer’s Association, or Genesee County Humane Society. Bette was born October 1, 1942 in Baltimore, MD, the daughter of Harry Earl and Elizabeth Caroline (Gilbert) Lumadue. She married James A. S. Kelleher of Fenton, and he preceded her in death July 3, 2013. She retired in 1997 from GM Metal Fabricating Plant as an accountant in the Financial Department after 37 years of service. She had resided in the Fenton area her entire life. She was a member of the Fenton Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 2460, Fenton Masonic Lodge, and Elks Club #222, and the Fenton VFW Auxillary. She enjoyed playing golf and spending time with her grandchildren. Bette was also preceded in death by her daughter, Amy (Rex) Nance of Fenton; grandchildren, Emilee and Dewey III Calvin both of Fenton; sister, Diane (Joe) Capello of Flushing; brother, Harry (Janice) Lumadue of Columbusville; and several nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her parents. Tributes may be posted at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.
LIFESTYLES

Sunday, March 3, 2019

Pet poisons that may be lurking in your home

One of the best things prospective pet owners can do before welcoming new pets into their families is to conduct a poison audit throughout their homes. Pets are often vulnerable to common household items that may not pose a threat to adults. That’s especially true for curious pets anxious to explore their new surroundings.

The Pet Poison Helpline, a licensed animal poison control center dedicated to preventing poison-related injuries, illnesses and fatalities to pets, offers this room-by-room breakdown to help existing and potential pet owners find items around the house that could pose a threat to their furry friends.

Attics and basements
- Mothballs
- Rodenticides
- Insecticides

Paint
- Laundry rooms
- Fabric softener
- Bleach
- Detergents, including detergent pods
- Dryer sheets

Bathrooms
- Medications, including prescription drugs and over-the-counter drugs
- Caffeine pills
- Drain and toilet cleaners
- Alcohol
- Unbaked yeast bread dough
- Fatty scraps
- Chicken bones
- Fatty meat
- Caffeinated products, such as coffee and tea
- Caffeine pills
- Lime and rust removers
- Cough drops

Living room
- Plants
- Liquid potpourri
- Devices, including smartphones
- Batteries, such as those inside remote controls

Various products around the house can pose a threat to the health of pets. Make products as inaccessible to curious pets as possible by keeping them locked away when not in use. More information about protecting pets is available at www.petpoisonhelpline.com.

Garages and garden sheds
- Automotive fluids, including ant-freeze, windshield washer fluid, motor oil, and gasoline
- Ice melt products
- Lawn and garden products, including weed killer, grout and snail bait and rodenticides
- Paint
- Glue
- Mothballs
- Fertilizers
- Bone, blood and feather meal
- Plants
- Insecticides
- Compost

Kitchens
- Artificial Sweetener Xylitol
- Chocolate
- Macadamia nuts
- Grapes, raisins and currents
- Onions, garlic and chives
- Caffeinated products, such as coffee and tea
- Chicken bones
- Fatty scraps
- Unbaked yeast bread dough
- Alcohol
- Table salt
- Kitchen cleaning products

No-bake orange cream cheesecake

INGREDIENTS

CRUST:
1 cup graham cracker crumbs
3 tablespoons stick butter or margarine, melted
3 tablespoons Equal

CHEESECAKE:
1 cup orange juice
1 envelope (1/4 ounce) unflavored gelatin
2 packages (8 ounces each) reduced-fat cream cheese, softened
1 cup part-skim ricotta cheese
1 envelope (1/4 ounce) unflavored gelatin

DIRECTIONS

For the crust, combine graham cracker crumbs, butter and 3 tablespoons Equal. Press mixture onto bottom of a 9-inch springform pan. Bake in preheated 350 degrees F oven 10 minutes. Cool on wire rack while preparing cheesecake.

For the cheesecake, pour orange juice into small saucepan. Sprinkle gelatin over orange juice and let softten 1 minute. Heat over low heat, stirring constantly, until gelatin dissolves. Beat cream cheese and ricotta cheese in mixing bowl on medium speed of mixer until smooth. Stir in 1/4 cup Equal and orange extract. Add gelatin mixture to cheese mixture; blend until smooth. Refrigerate cheese mixture, or place in freezer, 20 to 30 minutes or until mixture is slightly thickened. Fold in whipped topping and chopped oranges. Spoon into baked crust. Cover and refrigerate several hours or overnight. To serve, gently run metal spatula around rim of pan to loosen cake. Remove side of pan. Garnish top of cheesecake with orange sections and whipped topping, if desired. Cut cake into wedges.

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