

'...it seems to be getting worse'

■Ripley Road residents complain of ongoing poor road conditions

By Hannah Ball

Linden — Ripley Road residents have been struggling

with poor road conditions for years. Last month, residents complained to the city after vehicles were getting stuck in two large potholes on the north side of the road.

Shannon Rivera, who has lived on Ripley Road for more than 30 years, said, "It's always

been this bad and it seems to be getting worse."

Vehicles were getting stuck around Feb. 10.

"They're so large that I almost got stuck and had to back up and go around town," she said. Rivera has also heard

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On Tuesday, Feb. 26, a truck drives south on Ripley Road past large potholes where vehicles have gotten stuck.

Photo: Hannah Ball



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A lifted Jeep Cherokee flings mud as it claws up a several-story bowl in the "Frozen Mines Run" in Groveland Township on Saturday, Feb. 23. There were 300 off-road vehicles for the one-day event held on the location of the future off-road park, a former gravel mine. **See story on page 6.** Photo: Tim Jagielo

Trial starts for shooter of pregnant woman

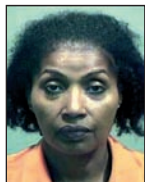
■Tyson rejected guilty plea for mentally ill, which carries 20 to 50 years in prison

By Hannah Ball

The trial of Jacquelyne Faye Tyson, 56, for allegedly shooting two people in the office of Grand Oaks Apartments in 2016 started Wednesday, Feb. 27.

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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Jacquelyne Tyson

Sawyer Jewelers hoping to open later this week

■'Finishing touches' coming this week for Cornerstone building store with \$300,000 worth of water damage

By Sally Rummel

Chip Beltinck, owner of Sawyer Jewelers in the Cornerstone building in downtown Fenton, hasn't really had time to dwell on the legal details of the burst water pipes that severely damaged his building on the evening of Jan. 31.

He's been too busy trying to get his business re-opened to the public.

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Tyler Lucas stains moldings at Sawyer Jewelers on Wednesday, Feb. 27. Photo: Tim Jagielo

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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“To the Hot-liner who said ‘inclement weather’ is an incorrect term. What is the proper term for winter weather that is not ‘clement?’”

“Regarding ‘capitalism is root cause of all problems in our society.’ I do understand socialism; you don’t. Venezuela was a thriving, prosperous country for over 100 years. It was then taken over by socialism and in 10 short years, destroyed. Just one example of thousands. Study history.”



“Why is the money always there for luxuries we don’t need like butterfly parks and bicycle paths, but for important things like roads they want to raise taxes? Let’s vote all these incompetent Fenton goofballs out of office and start over.”



“Please do not fall victim to mass hysteria; climate change is a hoax. The world will not end in 12 years, the science is not settled (by definition, science is never settled), and it is not immoral to have kids.”



COMMENT OF THE WEEK

“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?”



Who was Charles Stewart Mott?

■ His influence and legacy is felt throughout our communities

By Sally Rummel

What do many area colleges, parks, schools and hospitals have in common?

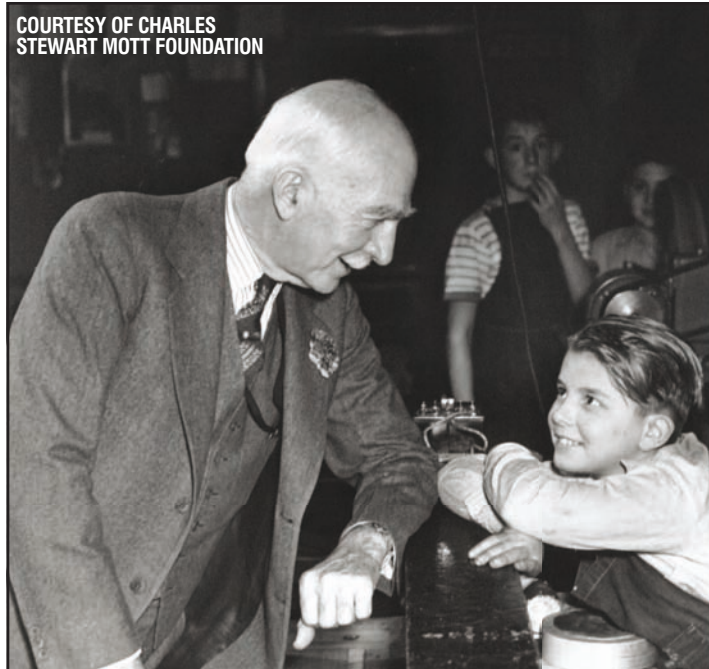
They are named after Charles Stewart Mott — co-founder of General Motors, entrepreneur and philanthropist who left a legacy larger than himself in the tri-county area, Genesee County as a whole and even the state of Michigan.

C.S. Mott's legacy is so well known that it's easy to remember his name.

We're all reminded of it daily through Mott Community College, including its Southern Lakes Center satellite campus on Thompson Road in Fenton Township; C.S. Mott Children's Hospital as part of the University of Michigan Health System; the C.S. Mott Science and Engineering Building at Kettering University; Waterford Mott High School and the Charles S. Mott Prize awarded annually by the General Motors Cancer Research Foundation.

C.S. Mott Lake, a manmade lake on the Flint River, centerpiece of the Genesee Recreation Area northeast of

COURTESY OF CHARLES STEWART MOTT FOUNDATION



(Left) C.S. Mott has a chat with a Flint student circa 1940s. (Right) Ridgway White, great-grandson of C.S. Mott and president of the Mott Foundation, visits with students learning about pollination at Flint's Durant-Tuuri-Mott Elementary School.

COURTESY OF CRISTINA WRIGHT



Flint, also carries his name.

The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, which Mott founded in 1926 as a charitable organization, evolved from its first focus to create community schools

in Flint, into a platform for international grant-making and a force for positive change in the areas of education, civil society and the environment.

Today, the Foundation has more than

\$3 billion in assets, offices in three countries and a legacy of working with local organizations to strengthen communities around the world.

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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



PUREBRED DOGS have more health 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. I don't have SAD (seasonal affective disorder.) I have STGDDOWD, or Sick To (Bad Word) Death of Winter Disorder. Some-



Andrew Heller
FEATURED COLUMNIST

day the medical community will recognize it as a legit thing.

• **U.S. 2,** the two-track that runs from the Mackinac Bridge to my hometown Escanaba, was officially but 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. 2 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 cookies. 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 rail 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

• **Except maybe in Michigan.**

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THE SAME PEOPLE crying about freedom of speech want someone to speak only the way they want them to.

UNBELIEVABLE, SENATE DEMOCRATS just voted against providing medical care for babies who survived abortions. This vote included Michigan's Gary Peters and Debbie Stabenow.

AFTER READING 'STORMY Daniels Full Disclosure,' I found she's not selling what wealthy men want most. Trump and all his billionaires are not her customers.

THE TRADITION OF checks and balances is steadily being eroded in Congress, which is becoming the rubber stamp parliament. What happens to the Constitution when it states unequivocally that Congress is the only funding branch of government? I guess the Constitution is no longer the supreme law of the land.

I WANT TO see the Democrats travel by Amtrak.

SMARTEST TEENS? WATCH 'Quiz Central,' on Saturday, where the 'best and brightest' from around the state of Michigan compete. If this is the youth of tomorrow, the country is in trouble. This show is an indictment of the educational system in this country. The seniors were ignorant in all areas.

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.

SO SOME FOUND Rep. Slotkin showed 'leftist behavior' at the SOU speech? I find Elissa to be refreshing, available and attuned to her constituents.

SCIENTISTS HAVE HIGH confidence that global temperatures will continue to rise for decades to come, largely due to greenhouse gases produced by human activities. 1,300 scientists from the United States and other countries, forecasts a temperature rise of 2.5 to 10 degrees Fahrenheit over the next century.

GLOBAL WARMING DOUBTERS that are frequent flyers should pay attention since weather science is projecting 150-percent increase in air turbulence generating from warming oceans. Happy landings.

ANY MAJOR FORWARD thinking metropolitan area I have visited throughout the world (except Michigan) has a major rail and trolley system. These systems are not used just by people going to and from their jobs but to cultural and sporting events, shopping, visiting museums, zoos, and friends in the area.

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"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
Fenton



"I would like to have people help me carry my groceries to my car."

John DuFresne
Fenton



"They used to check my oil and wash my windows when I got gas. I wish that they still did that."

Sam Winsor
Linden



"They're cutting some services here at the senior center, which I don't like. It's a senior center, it's for the seniors."

Barb Leuneverg
Flint



"Pumping gas because it's nice to get that service. Living in a retirement home means that I still get a lot of services, but I wish my area had recycling."

Diane Stortors
Linden

Holly police arrest Flint woman

■Charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and carrying a child passenger

By Sharon Stone

Cormesha Lakita Tyler, 30, of Flint, was arraigned Monday, Feb. 25 in Oakland County 52-2 District Court on one charge of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, with a child in the vehicle. She was released from the Oakland County Jail on Tuesday, Feb. 26 pending her next court hearing.

According to Holly police, officers were dispatched to the 800 block of Hartner Street on a report of a physical domestic disturbance in progress. While en route, officers were advised that the alleged incident involved a 54-year-old Holly man and his 30-year-old girlfriend, Tyler. The dispatch operator told officers that both parties were intoxicated and Tyler was in possession of a knife.

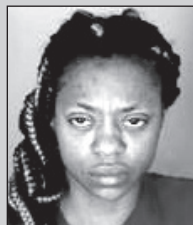
Responding officers were also told that the woman fled the scene in a green Dodge Caravan with a 7-year-old boy.

An officer located the van at Grange Hall and N. Holly roads and watched it pull into a business parking lot and stop. Officers made contact with the female driver and observed a child in the back seat.

The driver was identified as Tyler. The officer suspected she had been drinking and administered field sobriety tests and a breath test. She was placed under arrest.

Tyler voluntarily returned to the home on Hartner Street with the child. Those at the house told police that they did not feel threatened from the earlier knife allegation. Everyone involved consented to having the child stay at the house.

Tyler was transported to the police station for processing and later taken to the Oakland County Jail where she was arraigned. A report on the situation was provided to Child Protective Services.



Cormesha Lakita Tyler

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 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 Parks 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 three municipalities are considered

one district in the SLPR charter. If the millage receives more "yes" votes, it will pass.

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

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

SLPR IS MOVING AWAY FROM THE SINGULAR "PATHWAY."

Instead of only the Silver Lake Road pathway, which organizers call a "connector," plans now include building a non-motorized pathway

from Fenton Road within the city to the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park, and a pathway on Owen Road to the Linden County Park.

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

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

“This grant will be in addition to other outside funding that is being worked on to procure.”

Dan Czarnecki
Fenton Public Works director

ADDITIONAL POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCES

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

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
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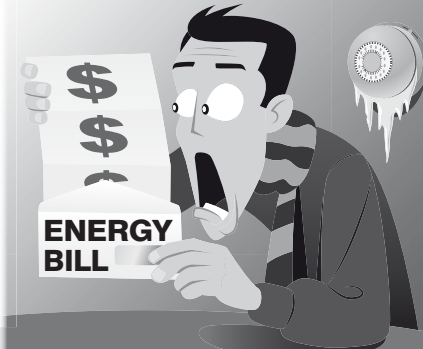
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HOT LINE CONTINUED

CAPITALISM IS NOT the root cause of all problems in our society. Selfishness is the root cause. Socialism (as shown in history) has the same inherent flaws that capitalism and all other 'isms' have, which is the human element.

■■■■
PLEASE TELL HELLER that GM built Flint but the unions destroyed it, not tax breaks.

■■■■
I UNDERSTAND WHAT socialism did to Rome and more recently to Venezuela. Wise up pinko.

■■■■
WHY DO PEOPLE who think they can predict the weather and future changes in the environment and climate have to be arrogant liberals? Why can't they be arrogant idiots? Because we know that many of both liberals and conservatives think they can.

■■■■
I AM DISAPPOINTED in the attitudes and opinions of the Hot-liners. The first is the subsidizing the community for high-speed rail. Technology improvements to transit are going to benefit some more than others but everyone can use it for whatever purpose they choose. We are the richest country on earth but we are the most broke.

■■■■
I'M GUESSING MANY of those who are ranting against the non-motorized trail are the same people who curse from their car windows at the few cyclists on the roads around here.

Local off-road park coming summer 2020

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

By Tim Jagielo

Groveland Twp. — Rajan Panesar of Sterling Heights stooped 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



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

property. Many were out 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 mines. "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 2023.

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.

“It's needed because it's the highest concentration of off-road vehicles in the state.”

Jim Kitson
Great Lakes Four Wheel Drive Association

SHOOTER

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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.

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LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

— Compiled by Sharon Stone —

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, Feb. 22.

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 actions 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 placed before it by 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 85: Increase state child care income tax credit

Introduced by Sen. Curtis Hertel, Jr. (D), to authorize a child care tax credit against the Michigan income tax that is based on the credit authorized by the 2017 federal income tax reform law. The federal credit is a means-tested credit that is based on a percentage of child care expenses that are related to the taxpayer having a job, and is worth up to \$6,000, or \$3,000 if there is just one dependent. The Michigan credit would be "refundable," meaning the taxpayer would get a check from the state for the amount the credit exceeded their income tax liability. It would be

equal to the federal credit for a person whose adjusted gross income was below \$40,000, with the value gradually declining as income approached a \$100,000 income cut-off point. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

Senate Bill 86: Authorize student loan tax credits

Introduced by Sen. Curtis Hertel, Jr. (D), to authorize an income tax credit equal to 50 percent of the amount of student loan payments made by a resident (subject to some caps) who got a degree from a college or university in Michigan and is employed in this state. The credit would not be "refundable," but would reduce an individual's tax liability on a dollar-for-dollar basis. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

Senate Bill 103: Repeal a restriction on state department rulemaking powers

Introduced by Sen. Sean McCann (D), to repeal the provisions of a 2018 law that prohibits a state department from promulgating rules more stringent than required by federal standards, unless specifically required by state statute, or if the department director determines there is a "clear and convincing" need to do so. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

Senate Bill 54 and House Bill 4100: Give some developers tax breaks for rehabbing "historic" structures

Introduced by Sen. Wayne Schmidt (R) and Rep. Ben Frederick (R), to grant certain developers approved by state or local officials 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,



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

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.

“It’s a tough situation. Each unit has individual owners with their own individual insurance policies.”

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Paul Lucas does mud work at Sawyer Jewelers on Wednesday, Feb. 27.

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CORNERSTONE Continued from Front Page

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."

"I've been here from 7 to 7 every day for 27 days. I want to keep the trust of our customers. The only thing working against me is time. I'm tired, and then some."

Even amidst all the damage, Sawyer Jewelers has been taking calls every day. "We've been open every day from

9 to 6, letting people pick up things they need," Beltinck said. "We're still talking with people on the phone, setting up appointments."

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. Carpeting 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 think there are a lot of legalities coming through," he said. "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.

“The store is going to be as beautiful as ever.”

Chip Beltinck
Sawyer Jewelers owner

Salon 416 owner happy to be back

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

By Sally Rummel

It helps to have a husband in the construction business.

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.

“It was a miracle, the way it all happened.”

Toni Widing
Salon 416 owner



Salon 416 owner Toni Widing stands in her newly restored Cornerstone building storefront, after it was closed for 12 days due to water damage.

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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

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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. Without money, 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 are a little stoked — 'how did you get from music to math?'

“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.”
Lisa Bayer

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Pictured here is the north side of Ripley Road, just south of Rolston Road. Motorists drive slowly over this patch of potholes. Photo: Hannah Ball

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.

SUMMARY

■ Ripley Road is proving to be an ongoing problem without an easy solution.

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 Gildner told 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.

Spencer has issues with how the city grades the road in the summer. It used to be a two-lane dirt road, he said, but it's widened because people drive outwards to avoid potholes. This causes people to drive on Spencer's lawn. He said he's lost about 10 feet of yard and his ditch line.

“It's been an ongoing battle for as long as I've lived here and nothing seems to get done about it.”

Shannon Rivera
Linden resident

“Due to the extreme weather that we have experienced this winter there is definitely an increased possibility for pothole problems.”

Scott Sutter
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LOOKING BACK at this week in HISTORY

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

MARCH 3

1887: Anne Sullivan begins teaching 6-year-old Helen Keller, who lost her sight and hearing after a severe illness at the age of 19 months. Under Sullivan's tutelage, including her pioneering "touch teaching" techniques, the previously uncontrollable Keller flourished, eventually graduating from college and becoming an international lecturer and activist. Sullivan, later dubbed "the miracle worker," remained Keller's interpreter and constant companion until the older woman's death in 1936.

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 represent the 11 states who 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.

MARCH 6

1986: Georgia O'Keeffe, the artist who gained worldwide fame for her austere minimalist paintings of the American southwest, dies in Santa Fe at the age of 98.

MARCH 7

1876: Alexander Graham Bell, 29, receives a patent for his revolutionary new invention—the telephone. The Scottish-born Bell worked in London with his father, Melville Bell, who developed Visible Speech, a written system used to teach speaking to the deaf.

MARCH 8

2014: Malaysia Airlines Flight 370, carrying 227 passengers and 12 crew members, loses contact with air traffic control less than an hour after taking off from Kuala Lumpur then veers off course and disappears. Despite a massive air-and-sea search effort for the Beijing-bound Boeing 777, investigators have failed to find any trace of the aircraft or determine why it vanished.

MARCH 9

1996: The legendary cigar-chomping performer George Burns dies at his home in Beverly Hills, California, just weeks after celebrating his 100th birthday. Born Nathan Birnbaum in New York City, Burns was one of 12 children. As a young child, he sang for pennies on street corners and in saloons, and at age 13, he started a dance academy with a friend. In 1922, Burns was performing the latest in a string of song-and-dance acts in Newark, New Jersey, when he teamed up with a fellow performer, Gracie Allen. Though Allen began as the straight one in their partnership, her natural comedic ability prompted Burns to rewrite their material to give her most of the punch lines. From then on, Burns played the straight man to Allen's ditz, with hilarious results.

Source: history.com

CATCH OF THE WEEK



Harper Rouse, 5, caught this 6-pound bass on Dollar Lake on Feb. 17. She caught it on a tip-up while ice fishing. Her words after the catch, "This is so cool."

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

LINDEN MAN ARRESTED FOR OWI

At 12:42 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 13, a Fenton police officer observed a vehicle pulling out of a business parking lot at North and Torrey roads. It appeared that the driver was driving recklessly and purposely fishtailing the back end of the vehicle. The officer initiated a traffic stop and made contact with the driver and passenger. The driver, a 29-year-old Linden man, admitted to have been drinking. He was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated. The passenger, a 25-year-old Breckenridge man, was found to have an outstanding warrant from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), which was told about the traffic stop. The DNR advised police to release the man and recommended he turn himself in. The driver was lodged at the police station until sober and was released with a court appearance ticket. The vehicle was impounded and police made arrangements for the passenger to get home.

MICHIGAN VOTES

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

— Compiled by Sharon Stone —

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, Feb. 22.

House Bill 4126: Require medical marijuana pregnancy warning label

Introduced by Rep. Thomas Albert (R), to impose a warning label requirement on producers and sellers of medical marijuana that is focused on women who are pregnant or breastfeeding. Products would be required to have a label warning pregnant women that use may result in "fetal injury, preterm birth, low birth weight, or developmental problems for the child." Retailers would have to give every buyer a pamphlet with safety information on marijuana use by minors, and a poison control hotline number. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.



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HOT LINE CONTINUED

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'CAPITALISM' IS NOT the problem. You mean 'crony capitalism.' That's when Congress sends out tax money to Planned Parenthood, then Planned Parenthood takes that money and donates it to Congress so they get elected to give Planned Parenthood more money and each skimming off the top. Read the Constitution.

■■■■
AS A PERSON who actually worked for tips and hourly wages in my life, instead of having to learn about it second-hand, I can tell you that most people want to be paid enough to live. A living wage isn't a gift, it's a right. Workers are often paid far less than the value they create.

■■■■
HEY CLIMATE FUNDAMENTALIST, move beyond the 'because I said it's real' argument. Move beyond the 'you're just stupid' argument. Either offer some logical, well-thought out

points or continue to undermine your own beliefs.

■■■■
GOD HELP US all. Read the actual text of the S.130 - Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act at congress.gov. Don't fall for the slanted 'news' shows on TV. How anyone could not vote to protect an innocent baby who was born alive despite a botched abortion is incomprehensible.

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HEY! STOP RIDING the brake pedal when driving.

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EMBRYO VS. FETUS. In human pregnancies, a baby-to-be isn't considered a fetus until the 9th week after conception, or week 11. The fetal period, on the other hand, is more about growth and development so your baby can survive in the outside world.

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IF YOU BELONG to any group that discriminates against anyone for race, color, religion, sexual preference, etc., you belong to a hate group.

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, corresponding with the popularity of dog shows, 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.

Repke makes sure to discuss this with patients if they have a purebred dog.

"It can be a little disheartening sometimes to go over that with people. By the

time you have the dog, the genetics are set. People should do research before they get the dog so they're not surprised when they come see me," he said.

While this is an issue, Repke said many breeders are becoming more responsible with which dogs they choose to breed, which makes them healthier. The Orthopedic Foundation for Animals will look at X-rays for Labradors, for example, and recommend breeding certain ones if they don't have hip issues.

"By doing that, they have really reduced the incidents of true hip dysplasia in labs," he said. "Aortic stenosis in golden retrievers is a lot less than it used to be as well."

The American Kennel Club has multiple programs to help breeders breed responsibly with health as a main priority. The Bred with H.E.A.R.T. program teaches breeders on best practices, including health testing for each breed. For German shepherds, the dogs must undergo a hip evaluation and an elbow evaluation.

Pugs must be evaluated for their hips, patellas, go through an ophthalmologist evaluation, which diagnoses eye disorders, and a Pug Dog Encephalitis DNA test.

All of these measures help produce healthier purebred dogs.

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Pointe Animal Hospital
owner, DVM



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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 increased health risks if they drink multiple diet beverages a day.

Compared to other postmenopausal women who drank less than one diet drink per week, regular imbibers 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.



“Instead, the American Heart Association recommends drinking water, whether plain, carbonated or flavored without sweeteners.”

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.

Last July, an advisory by the AHA warned against frequent and long-term consumption of diet drinks, especially for children. Instead, they recommend water, whether plain, carbonated or flavored without sweeteners.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

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WHO IS PAUL Hassan and why should people be mad at him?

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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 an 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 michi-

gan.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 spe-

cies 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



The owner of this 31.9-acre parcel on Lahring Road in Fenton Township would like to rezone it to a Planned Unit Development for a future 22-unit subdivision. Photo: Hannah Ball

SUBDIVISION

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requesting to rezone the property to Planned Unit Development (PUD) to build a 22-unit subdivision with one out lot, said Mike Deem, zoning administrator for Fenton Township.

Currently, the 31.9-acre parcel (No. 06-10-300-014) is zoned R-3, Single Family Residential. The PUD request would seek a zoning similar to R-5.

The public is invited to give input at a hearing at the Fenton Township Planning Commission meeting March 14 at 7 p.m.

"The main difference between the two zoning districts is the minimum lot size in the R-3 zoning district is 20,000 square feet, while the R-5 district permits a minimum lot size of 12,000 square feet. To offset the difference in lot sizes, the project will keep 40 percent of the developed area as open space," Deem said.

The Planning Commission has not yet reviewed the plans, but once it has, it will make a recommendation to the Township Board of Trustees, which will approve or deny the rezoning request.

If approved by the Township Board, the applicant would return to the Planning Commission for site plan approval.

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Fenton Township zoning administrator

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Group daycare approved for more kids

■ 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,



The Fenton Planning Commission voted Thursday, Feb. 28 to allow this group daycare home at 963 Parallel St. to have up to 12 children. Photo: Courtesy of cityoffenton.org

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.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER!



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.

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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.

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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 to 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 Var-

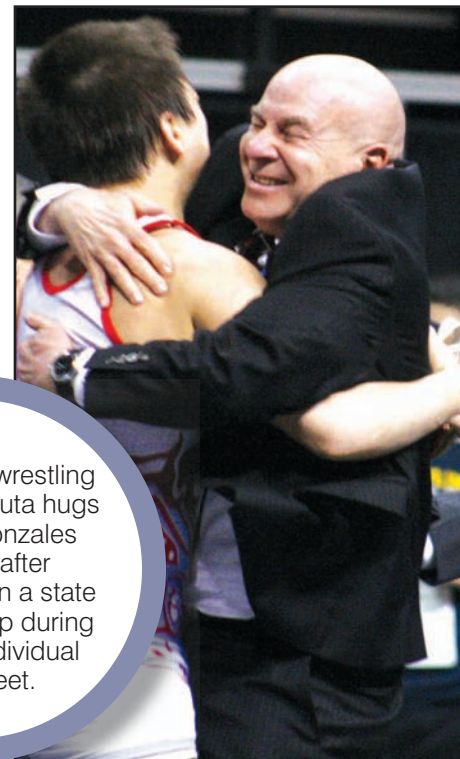
ner, the program's first coach, suggested that maybe Pluta's 5-foot-6 frame would work better on the wrestling mat versus the basketball court. Pluta listened, wrestled and quickly fell in love with the sport. Four years later, when Varner died of a heart attack while Pluta was at Western Michigan University, 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

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Holly varsity wrestling coach Don Pluta hugs Anthony Gonzales seconds after Gonzales won a state championship during the 2012 individual state meet.

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Sports Time



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**

Fenton runners earn firsts at MITS Indoor State Finals

By David Troppens

The spring track season hasn't even started yet, but at least one tri-county area athlete is already an individual state champion.

Fenton's Alexa Keiser recently took first place at the MITS Indoor State Finals held at Eastern Michigan University's Bowen Field House.

Keiser competed in the 3,200 meter run and posted a first-place time of 10:53.04. Her time was slightly more than one second better than second-place Anna Petr's time of 10:54.21. The two were the only runners to finish the race in under 11 minutes.

Many other Fenton competitors were at the meet.

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).

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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.

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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**

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.

"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."

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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**

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

next two stanzas. The Tigers outscored Lapeer 15-9 in 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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Chloe Idoni (right) scored 19 points in the Tigers' win against Lapeer. **Photo: Mark Bolen**

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 McMuellen scored for the Cardinals about two minutes later, and the Grif-fins trailed 2-1.

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Blue Devils overcome travel, beat Olivet

By David Troppens

If a team is going to make a 95-mile trip to play a basketball game, the squad probably should make it worth their while and win the game.

That's what the Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team did, Tuesday. The Blue Devils traveled to Olivet High School (about a 90-minute drive) for a

non-league contest. The Blue Devils didn't let the trip hurt their performance as they took an early lead and won a 61-47 non-league verdict.

"This was a good road win," Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Brian VanBuren said. "It was especially pleasing that we did it on the road after a long bus ride and coming back from

the emotional loss (to Goodrich) on Friday.”

The Blue Devils jumped to a 16-5 lead in the first quarter. Sydney Hammis led the way with six quick first-quarter points.

"We opened the game full of energy, really moving the ball and getting great looks," VanBuren said.

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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 tourney, because Holly traveled to Hartland Thursday night, losing a tight 62-54 verdict.

The Eagles had five different scorers in the opening quarter, taking a 16-9 lead into the second period. However, in the second quarter, the Bronchos had four different scorers themselves and won that period 13-7, closing the Hartland lead to just 23-22 entering halftime.

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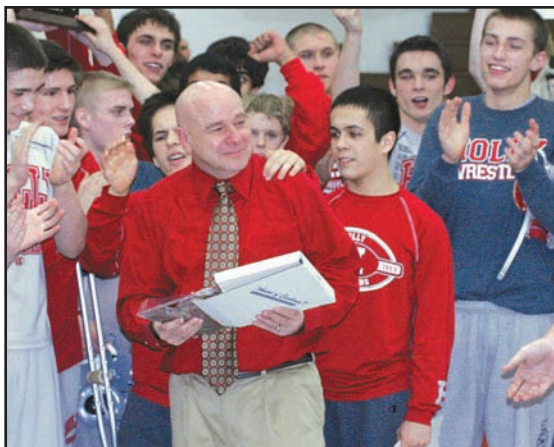
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it's the right thing to do."

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.



Don Pluta and the Holly varsity wrestling team celebrate Pluta's 500th career win during a team district tournament during the 2010-11 wrestling season. **File photo**

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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Are you mechanically inclined?

■ 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 ad-



(Top) Vic Canever Chevrolet technician Ben Ross works on a Chevy Impala on Wednesday, Feb. 27. (Right) Technician Brian Arnold works on replacing a piston in a Chevy Cruze LT. Photos: Tim Jagielo

ditional 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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WHAT YOU MISSED IN THE MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following are stories you may have missed in the **Wednesday, Feb. 28, Midweek Times**. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

'Rightsizing' your home

Homebuyers, especially those 55-plus, are looking for less maintenance, more amenities.



Federal funds could be available for four Fenton road projects

City Council had to agree to commit \$1 million, or 20 percent, in the event the projects are approved for funding.

Strong winds cause local power outages

'Bomb cyclone' winds take out power for most of Argentine Township.

Fenton school board members resign

Personal, unrelated reasons given for immediate departure from board.

Permanent, decorative light pole coming to Rounds Drive

Temporary light used since crash destroyed original in July 2018.

Fenton Township to background check new hires

Company will search court records, verify Social Security number and more.

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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 mechanics 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 as a high school junior, through the Genesee Career Institute in Flint Township.

"I would definitely recommend GCI," Werth said.

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 Elling of Fenton Township, who serves as 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.



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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.

“For more than 90 years, we’ve been committed to Flint and Genesee County.”

Ridgway White
Mott Foundation CEO and
president, Fenton Township resident



YOUR SMILE MATTERS!

By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

HALITOSIS

Halitosis (bad breath) can have several different causes. Many medical conditions such as sinusitis (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. Alcohol 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 acclimates to its oral nasal/environment and doesn't detect anything different even if it's smelling bad. So breathing into your cupped hand and smelling 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. Don't 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.

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Just sayin'...

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 cem-

eteries 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.



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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.

A new Arts and Culture Commission is in its infancy stages, but the future looks very promising for what these good folks will be offering.

There are other, less sexy boards and commissions, but that does not mean 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'.

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Attendees of the Daughters of the American Revolution, 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

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 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 where she is the Student Council president and is involved in many school clubs. She is on a community planning committee for events in Linden. She tutors and mentors younger students and 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 Meagan Ruggirello of Clarkston High School were also recipients of the award.

Going, going, gone!

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*



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*

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*



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: kcrq.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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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

Real Estate

Real Estate

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VILLAGE OF HOLLY

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village of Holly has adopted the following ordinance on:

DATE: February 12, 2019

PLACE: Holly Schools Auditorium
920 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 to (248) 634-9571.

Deborah J. Bigger
Clerk-Treasurer
Village of Holly

**TYRONE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held on Monday, March 18, 2019 by the Tyrone Township Zoning Board of Appeals at the Tyrone Township Hall, 10408 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan, at 7:00 p.m., to consider the following variance applications:

APPEAL NO. 1: Ref. Tyrone Township Zoning Ordinance No. 36 - Section 20.01 (Schedule of Regulations)

A request by Charles and Melissa O'Keefe for a twelve-foot (12') front yard setback variance to construct a new home, located at 10293 Carmer Road, Fenton, Michigan 48430, Parcel ID: 4704-10-104-011. The property is zoned LK-1, Lake Front Residential. Reference requirements set forth in Article 20, Schedule of Regulations, inclusive of building setbacks, height, percent lot coverage, and sight lines.

Additional information, legal descriptions, and location maps are available at the Tyrone Township Clerk's Office, 10408 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Tyrone Township Clerk, at (810) 629 -8631, at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Gregory Carnes, Chairman
Tyrone Township Zoning Board of Appeals

**GROVELAND TOWNSHIP
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

NOTICE REGARDING ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE No. 216,
ADDING CHAPTER 28,
PROHIBITION OF MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS AND
MEDICAL MARIHUANA 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:

**ORDINANCENO.216-PROHIBITIONOFMARIHUANAESTABLISHMENTS
ANDMEDICALMARIHUANA FACILITIES TO CHAPTER 28, AS AMENDED,
TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEFINITION OF WORDS, THE PROHIBITION
OF MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF GROVELAND PURSUANT TO THE MICHIGAN
REGULATION AND TAXATION OF MARIHUANA ACT, INITIATED LAW
1 OF 2018, MCL 333.27951, ET SEQ., AS MAY BE AMENDED, THE
PROHIBITION OF MEDICAL MARIHUANA FACILITIES WITHIN THE
BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GROVELAND, THE PROHIBITION
OF SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF MARIHUANA 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

Jumble for Kids

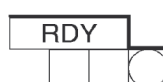


The letters of these crazy words are all mixed up. To play the game, put them back into the right order so that they all make real words you can find in the dictionary. Write the letters of each real word under each crazy word, but only one letter to a square.

You are now ready to solve today's Jumble for Kits. Study the picture for a hint. Then play around with the letters in the circles. You'll find you can put them in order so that they make your funny answer.



Print Answer Here



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Jumbles: DRY PUMP HOOK Answer: The bunny with the broken leg was — "UNHOPPY" PONY

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!

Contest

BEATED

Guile

UNMADE

Usual

MARLON

Expand

DRAPES

TODAY'S WORD



"About this _____ you
sold me last year as a puppy..."

Answers in this edition of the Tri-County Times



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PUBLIC NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF GROVELAND TOWNSHIP 2019 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETINGS

The Board of Review of the Township of Groveland will meet at the GROVELAND TOWNSHIP HALL, 4695 Grange Hall Road, Holly, Michigan, Upper Level, for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll and hearing any objections thereof at the following dates and times:

Tuesday, March 5, 2019 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Monday, March 11, 2019 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Wednesday March 13, 2019 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Additional days will be scheduled, if necessary, to give everyone an opportunity to appeal their assessment.

Property owners may file their protest by letter provided they are received at the Township Hall NO LATER THAN 9:00 PM, March 13, 2019. For those wishing to protest in person, please schedule an appointment by calling:

OAKLAND COUNTY EQUALIZATION DIVISION

248-858-1861

If you have any questions regarding the above notice, please feel free to call Gail Carpenter, Deputy Treasurer at GROVELAND TOWNSHIP office during regular business hours at 248-634-4152.

2019 BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE ROSE TOWNSHIP 9080 Mason St Holly, Michigan 48442

MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE

The 2019 Rose Township Board of Review will be held at the Rose Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan on the following dates and times:

March 5, 2019 2:00 pm Organizational Meeting

Appointments will begin on:

Thursday, March 7, 2019 9:00 am – 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Monday, March 11, 2019 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Wednesday, March 13, 2019 9:00 am – 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT IN ADVANCE FOR THE BOARD OF REVIEW, PLEASE CONTACT OAKLAND COUNTY EQUALIZATION DIVISION, PRIOR TO MARCH 5th, 2019 TOLL FREE, 1-888-350-0900, EXTENSION 54402 OR (248) 975-4402.

APPEARANCES BEFORE THE BOARD OF REVIEW ARE LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES.
PROPERTY OWNERS MAY APPEAL BY MAIL IF RECEIVED BY 4:00 PM WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2019

All agents protesting values on property other than their own **MUST** have written authorization from each property owner they are representing.

Handicapped persons needing assistance to attend the meeting are asked to contact the Rose Township Clerk (248) 634-8701 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Debbie Miller, MMC, CMMC
Rose Township Clerk

Weekend Sudoku

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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KING FEATURES

Weekend Crossword

PUZZLE CLUE: DELICACY BENEATH THE SURFACE

ACROSS

1 Belgians, e.g.
6 Head hair hides them
12 Ape
20 Irked a lot
21 Was released
22 In a mannerly manner
23 Start of a riddle
26 Myrna of "The Thin Man"
27 Seasons' first games
28 Cried feebly
29 Gives in (to)
33 PIN point
34 TV reporter Burnett
36 — Marian
37 Riddle, part 2
45 Currently airing
47 Like straight lines, for short
48 Recycling receptacles
49 Notable years
50 Riddle, part 3
55 Singer Levine

56 — Fridays (restaurant)
57 Dalai —
58 Freeze Away targets
60 Youth org.
63 Bitten at persistently
67 Penalized monetarily
70 Taunt
72 Riddle, part 4
76 Nero or Livy
77 Actress Eva
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79 Ar follower
80 Plane parts
82 Korbut of gymnastics
84 Fleur-de-
86 Tick's cousin
87 Riddle, part 5
96 Stage decor
97 Champ's cry
98 Novelist Seton
99 "Ask, I might know the answer"
100 End of the riddle
106 Sword type
107 See 9-Down
108 Basketballer Ming
109 Gift from above
111 Test pilot's garb

114 Least dry
118 Surg. sites
119 Riddle's answer
126 More ready to hit the hay
127 Mexican or Guatemalan
128 Wall painting
129 Steed riders
130 Revises, as text
131 Messy types
DOWN
1 Toothed tool
2 King James Bible suffix
3 San Luis —, California
4 Really scolded
5 Rose to one's feet
6 Police rank: Abbr.
7 "It's Impossible" singer Perry
8 Over
9 With
107-Across, give in to despair
10 "The 25th Annual — County Spelling Bee"
11 Tampa Bay city, for short

12 Stock mkt. debuts
13 Floor cleaner
14 In bad health
15 Neckwear clasps
16 Make harmonious
17 Blue hue
18 Sommer of "The Oscar"
19 Like much blond hair
24 No, to Dmitri
25 Writer Bombeck
29 Love, to Nero or Livy
30 Walking stick
31 French "five"
32 Loafer, e.g.
34 Revise
35 Revive
38 With 113-Down, product's ultimate consumer
39 Vietnamese celebration
40 Hero type
41 Nets' org.
42 Form-filling
43 Millet, fescue and sorghum
44 Tuber often candied
46 Going gaga, with "out"
51 Wedding band

52 Lieutenant Geordi on "Star Trek: The Next Generation"
53 Exclude
54 — Zone
55 Zone
59 Disbeliever in God
60 Exclude
61 Like a worse blizzard
62 Confess
64 Birth mo. for many Leos
65 Job-creating FDR agcy.
66 Big shot
68 LAX stat
69 Cannes' Palme —
71 Mag heads
73 Hamlet, e.g.
74 Ballot site
75 Takei's "Star Trek" role
81 Close with stitches
83 Way out
85 Full of tension
86 Soup flavor enhancer, for short
88 Over
89 Not Rep. or Dem.
90 Party card game

91 Lower Manhattan sch.
92 Turf toughs
93 Ballyhoo
94 "Preach it!"
95 Really mad, with "off"
97 Krypton-86, for one
101 Cries feebly
102 Gazing sort
103 Baby's toy
104 New York City moniker
105 Way out
110 Instruments with sticks
111 Lillian of silent films
112 French battle site of '44
113 See 38-Down
114 Threadbare
115 Suffix with sermon
116 Where the tibia is
117 Minister (to)
120 Tiny —
121 Tiny
122 Set- — (brief fights)
123 Swing to and —
124 Test center
125 Lofty rails

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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 - 9:00pm

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.

	AGRICULTURAL	COMMERCIAL	INDUSTRIAL	RESIDENTIAL	PERSONAL
Tentative Ratio	48.25	45.73	46.35	48.89	50.00
Tentative Factor	1.0362	1.0934	1.0787	1.0896	1.00000

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

Bruce Little, Tyrone Township Assessor

TYRONE TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

A public hearing will be held before the Tyrone Township Board on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. regarding the proposed 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Township Budget, all funds. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

A copy of the budget and supporting documents will be available for public inspection at the Tyrone Township Hall, 10408 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan, during regular business hours of Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All oral and written comments are welcome. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Tyrone Township Clerk at (810) 629-8631 at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Marcella Husted
Tyrone 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)
Tuesday March 5th 2019 9am-Noon (Appeals)
Wednesday March 6th 2pm-4pm & 6pm-9pm (Appeals)
Monday March 18th 3pm-6pm (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.

Tentative Equalization Ratio's		
CLASSIFICATION	RATIO	MULTIPLIER
COMMERCIAL	47.53	1.0520
INDUSTRIAL	48.42	1.0326
RESIDENTIAL	46.07	1.0853

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

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
	2018	Clearance and Demolition	730345	\$15,954
TO:	2016	Housing Rehabilitation	730898	\$ 4,576
	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

Puzzle Answers

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

MIDWEEK SUDOKU ANSWERS

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5	1	7	6	3	4	9	2	8
2	8	6	9	1	7	3	4	5
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MIDWEEK JUMBLE ANSWERS

Jumbles: FLANK, SOUPY, RANCID, SHREWED

Answer: After the collision at home plate, the player's mother was glad he was — **SAFE AND SOUND**

MIDWEEK CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Solution Time: 25 min.

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WEEKEND SCRAMBLER ANSWERS

Scramblers: DEBATE, ACUMEN, NORMAL, SPREAD

Answer: **DOBERMAN**

WEEKEND WORD SEARCH ANSWERS


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**Terry Skutt**

Terry Skutt - age 72, died February 22, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

**James Logan, Sr.**

James Logan, Sr. - age 82, died February 24, 2019. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

**Lois Florkowski**

Lois Florkowski - age 95, died February 22, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

**William Wollet**

William Wollet - age 70, died February 26, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Obituaries

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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 Lahring officiating. Visitation will be 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 the son of Charles and Glenda (Sherman) Frederick. He married Shelley Smith Johnson in Fenton on July 10, 2000. Dennis graduated from Royal Oak Kimble High School. He proudly served in 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.

**Betty Haering**

Betty Haering - age 92, died February 25, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

**Greta Hackney**

Greta Hackney - age 83, died February 25, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

**Mr. Rodney John Sparks**

1946-2019

Rodney John Sparks - age 72, of Fenton, died February 24, 2019. Funeral services will be held 3 PM Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Visitation will be held 4-8 PM Monday, March 4, 2019 and 11 AM - 3 PM Tuesday at the funeral home. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to the family or a charity of one's choice. Rodney was born November 6, 1946 in Flint, the son of Otis Victor and Helen June (Sweet) Sparks. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corp and married Anita Marchese on August 23, 1974. Rodney was self-employed in fiberglass repair for 40 years. He was a true family man who enjoyed golfing, camping, fishing, hunting, boating and spending time on the water. Rodney loved his Florida Frogger family. Surviving are: wife, Anita of Fenton; two daughters, Lisa Sparks Kraut of Fenton, Carrie (Corey) Rennie of Columbus, OH; two grandchildren, Taylor Kraut (Matt) and Morgan Kraut (Kaleb); two great-grandchildren, Payton and Olivia Dilts; two sisters, Judy Williams of Fenton and Karen (Jim) Hagan of Holly; several cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by: his parents; and son, Randall Sparks on July 5, 2006. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

**Donald Valley**

Donald Valley - age 79, died February 22, 2019. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

**Veronica Somerville**

Veronica Somerville - age 76, died February 26, 2019. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

**Lois Jean Ake**

1947-2019

Lois Jean Ake - age 71, of Fenton, died Wednesday, February 27, 2018. Funeral services will be held 1 PM Sunday, March 3, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Pastor Lindsey Carnes 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. Lois was born March 13, 1947 in Jackson, the daughter of Robert C. and Marie (Naujalis) Reminga. She was a 1965 graduate of Ottawa Hills High School in Grand Rapids and received her Bachelor Degree in Social Work from Western Michigan University. She married James S. Ake September 10, 1977 in Grand Rapids and he preceded her in death September 25, 2013. She retired in 1986 from Citizens Insurance as claims manager. Lois was a member and Elder of First Presbyterian Church of Fenton. Surviving are: daughter, Kimberly Ake (Zach Meyers) of Chicago, IL; son, Kevin (Megan) Ake of New Hudson; grandchildren, Charlotte and Elliott; brothers, Richard (Sue) Reminga of Ohio, Carl (Elena) Reminga of Maine, and Terry (Bonnie) Reminga of Vicksburg; sister, Candi (Bruce) Bero of Kentucky; and many nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her parents. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

**John Ocenasek**

John Ocenasek - age 72, died February 25, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

**Rodney L. Rukkila**

1950-2019

Rodney L. Rukkila - age 68, of Fenton, he passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his family on February 25, 2019. Funeral services will be held 10 AM Saturday, March 2, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Visitation was held 5-8 PM Friday, March 1, 2019. Interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly at a later date. Contributions would be appreciated to the ALS Association of Michigan. Rodney was born June 27, 1950 in Marquette, the son of Leonard A. and Marcy E. (Wester) Rukkila. He married Dawna L. Sloan in Farmington Hills on May 20, 1978. Rodney was a graduate of Wakefield High. He proudly served in the U.S. Army. Rodney was employed by GM for 37 years, retiring in 2006. He was an avid sports fan, loved watching his children play sports, and enjoyed bass fishing. Surviving are: his beloved wife of 40 years, Dawna; children, Rena (Donn) Winkler, Jennifer (Nathan) Janes, Alydia (David) Bishop, Rodney L. (Lauren Fields) Rukkila; he was a proud Papa to grandchildren, Dakota, Miranda, Archer, Trenton, Gavyn, Owen, Rhyin, Evelyne, Sophia, and Sawyer; his father, Leonard A. Rukkila; siblings, Tina (Dan) Hendrickson, Bruce (Pat) Rukkila, Shelley (Paul) Koski, Dave (Patti) Rukkila; and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, and uncles. Rodney was preceded in death by his mother Marcy E. Rukkila; uncle, Jerry Wester. Online tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

**Diane Lowry**

Diane Lowry - age 68, died February 25, 2019. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

**Elizabeth Anne "Bette" Jackson**

1942-2019

Elizabeth Anne "Bette" Jackson - age 76, of Fenton, died Monday, 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 Tony Chick officiating. Burial immediately following in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Sunday, March 3, 2019 from 2-4 and 6-8 PM where a Fraternal Order of Eagles memorial service will be held at 7 PM; and Monday from 10:30 AM until the time of the service. Those desiring may make contributions to the College Memorial Fund, for her grandchildren. Bette was born October 1, 1942 in Baltimore, MD, the daughter of Harry Earl and Elizabeth Caroline (Gibson) Lumadue. She married Harold Alan "Mickey" Jackson April 17, 1967 in Grand Blanc and he preceded her in death July 7, 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 Moose Lodge #430, Flint Elks Club #222, and the Fenton V.F.W. Auxiliary Curtis Wolverton Post # 3243. She enjoyed playing golf and spending time with her grandchildren. Surviving are: her daughter, Amy (Rex) Nance of Fenton; grandchildren, Emilee and Dewey III Calton both of Fenton; sister, Dianne (Joe) Cappel of Flushing; brother, Harry (Janice) Lumadue of Columbiaville; and several nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her parents. Tributes may be posted at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

**Helen Bearup**

Helen Bearup - age 83, died February 22, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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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
- Ammonia
- Bleach
- Inhalers
- 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, grub and snail bait and rodenticides
- Paint
- Glue
- Mothballs
- Fertilizers
- Bone, blood and feather meal
- Plants
- Insecticides
- Compost

Kitchen

- Artificial Sweetener Xylitol
- Chocolate
- Macadamia nuts
- Grapes, raisins and currants
- Onions, garlic and chives
- Caffeinated products, such as coffee and tea
- Chicken bones
- Fatty scraps
- Unbaked yeast bread dough
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no-bake orange cream cheesecake

INGREDIENTS

CRUST:

- 1 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 3 tablespoons stick butter or margarine, melted
- 3 tablespoons Equal Spoonful or Granulated (may substitute 4-1/2 packets Equal sweetener)

Diabetic Exchanges:

- 1/2 milk, 1 starch, 2 fat
- Sources: Equal; Splenda; diabeticgourmet.com

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
- 3/4 cup Equal Spoonful or Granulated (may substitute 18 packets Equal sweetener)
- 1 teaspoon orange extract (optional)
- 2 cups light whipped topping, thawed, if frozen
- 1 can (11 ounces) Mandarin oranges, drained, coarsely chopped
- Oranges sections (optional)
- Whipped topping (optional)

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 soften 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 3/4 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 over 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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