

Long-time Fenton leaders happen to be ladies

■ Fenton City and Fenton Township officials have served citizens for decades

By Vera Hogan

In 1987, Congress declared March as National Women's History Month in perpetuity. A special Presidential Proclamation is issued every year to honors the extraordinary achievements of American women.

The Fenton area is fortunate to celebrate three extraordinary women of its own. They are three powerhouses that have served tirelessly as local community leaders for decades.

They are the city of Fenton's Mayor Sue Osborn and Mayor Pro Tem Pat Lockwood, and Fenton Township Supervisor Bonnie Mathis.

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“Any time you can help your community and people in any way — it comes right back to you.”

Pat Lockwood
Fenton mayor pro tem



These women have served in local government positions for more than 100 years combined. They are (from left) Pat Lockwood, who has served the city of Fenton and held state and county positions since 1988. Sue Osborn (center) has served the city for nearly 40 years, with nearly the last 20 as mayor. Bonnie Mathis (right) has served on the Fenton Township Board of Trustees since 1990, and as supervisor since 2002. Mathis owns Interiors by Bonnie, a Fenton City business directly behind them to the left. Photo: Tim Jagielo

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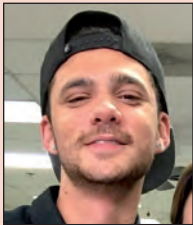
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Stabbing case goes to trial more than one year later

■ All three suspects will have different juries

By Hannah Ball

The three individuals charged with premeditated, first-degree homicide and conspiracy to commit murder in the death of Austin Culkins, 20, will face a jury trial in Genesee County Circuit Court on April 30.



Austin Culkins

Frederick Daniel Clark, 29, Christian Lee Lover, 24, and Mataya Delores Shaw, 24, are charged with murdering Culkins, originally from California, by stabbing him to death

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County library system supports literacy with programs

■ Kids should read 10 words per minute after kindergarten

By Hannah Ball

Did your child find Pete the Cat?

The Genesee District Library (GDL) celebrated March, which is National Reading Month, by hosting a game at each of the 19 libraries. This game is similar to Elf on the Shelf, said Kelly Flynn, community relations manager at the GDL.

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“I read a book a day, and I buy books for ladies that are homebound,” said Pat Smith, of Fenton. “That’s why I buy so many books.” She bought paperbacks at the Jack R. Winegarden Library on Wednesday March 27. Photo: Tim Jagielo



Print newspapers are here to stay. Despite today’s digital options, newspapers remain a popular way for readers to get their news and information. Times file photo

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■ Print newspapers remain lifeblood of local communities

By Vera Hogan

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‘Fat cats’ – obesity epidemic affects pets, too

■Percentage of overweight cats and dogs closely mimics that of human population

By Sally Rummel

A majority of Americans are reportedly overweight and they’re in good company — many of their pets are overweight, too, and it’s causing huge health and quality of life issues.

About 59 percent of cats and 54 percent of dogs in the U.S. are overweight or obese, according to 2016 research by the Association for Pet Obesity Prevention (APOP). For cats, 28 percent are overweight and an additional 31 percent are clinically obese, more than 30 percent above their ideal weight.

Locally in 2019, Sandy Smith, DVM, owner of Animal Health Clinic in Fenton, estimates about 65 percent of her pet patients are overweight. “It’s an epidemic,” she said. “You see arthritis and diabetes in your pets, just like we do with humans.”

Smith notices the dramatic uptick in diabetes since graduating from veterinary college 33 years ago. “I used to see a case maybe once a year. Now I diagnose it twice a month,” she said.

The root cause of diabetes in pets is obesity, which often stems from too much food and too little exercise. Sometimes people want to show their pets love by giving them extra food and treats, including foods meant for human consumption.

“We highly recommend you don’t feed your pet ‘people food,’” said Amanda Sullivan, veterinary technician at Fenton
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“Just like with humans, diet and exercise go hand in hand.”

Sandy Smith, DVM
Animal Health Clinic owner



Dr. Sandy Smith of the Animal Health Clinic in Fenton holds King George Grey, a diabetic cat that used to be obese. He now lives at the clinic and receives insulin each day. Photo: Tim Jagielo

Trick or treat?

Treats for your pet can be appropriate for reinforcing positive behaviors and special activities like training or agility. However, treats shouldn’t comprise any more than 5 to 10 percent of your pet’s daily diet.



For dogs

- Fruits and veggies (not grapes, raisins or onions)
- Air-popped popcorn without salt or butter
- Plain rice cakes broken into small pieces

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For cats

- Catnip
 - Small bits of liver, fish or eggs
- AVOID:** raisins, grapes, onions, alcohol, salt, tea, which can be toxic to cats.

Source: Pets.webmd.com



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Come *Heller* high water...

• The Michigan High School Athletic Association is studying whether video gaming is a sport. I can save them time — it's not. I like sports, playing and watching. And I like video games, although I lose badly to my sons, whose thumbs and brains are way faster than mine. But sports involve movement, physical training and coaches who take it all a little too seriously, which is why cheerleading is rightly considered a sport. Video games, meanwhile, require rapid eyes, fast thumbs and strategy but you also can eat Cool Ranch Doritos



Andrew Heller
FEATURED COLUMNIST

and swig Mountain Dew while playing Rocket League or League of Legends, which is the big disqualifier in my mind. I suspect the MHSAA is simply looking for something

more to sanction. I'll tell you what, though, if you want to start a lively conversation, bring up this topic. People only have passionate opinions about it and there's no middle ground. Great fun.

• "Hold on," you're saying. "The Paris Olympics just added break dancing as a sport. That involves sweat and movement. So, is that a sport?" No. How do I know? Because it's dumb. Dumb things aren't sports. Except for maybe curling. And ballroom dancing. And soccer. And archery. And whatever the hell jai alai is. And ... OK, so maybe I don't have a point here. Everything's a sport and we're all athletes, you happy now?

• Is it me or is it a bit weird for a guy to call another guy "brother" who isn't? I get the idea is the "brother from a different mother" thing. But most guys who say it use it as an all-purpose greeting, not to denote a close, brotherly bond.

• Hey, wait. March ends on Sunday. Do you realize what this means? It means despite all odds, we've survived

another Michigan winter. Despite Ice Station Zero temperatures. Despite 12,000 feet of snow. Despite arctic winds. Despite the packs of snow wolves that lurked outside our doors. (You may not have seen them but they were there, trust me.) That means we're winners, people. Nay, more than that, we are survivors. And that's the best you can hope for here in the nation's icebox.

• OK, maybe I'm being a bit dramatic, but, God, that was an awful winter. Is there ever a mild one anymore? Or even a normal one?

• If you "wave" at people on Facebook, please don't. No one knows what to do with that. The wave is the new "poke," which I always thought was vaguely creepy.

• It was funny to watch Democratic pundits (and I am one) fall all over themselves hating on the Chicago prosecutor's office for dropping charges against Jussie Smollett. Clear over compensation. But then the fuss over that guy, in the beginning when everyone thought he was a victim and now when everyone thinks he paid to be assaulted, has been ridiculous on both sides. Why is this even a political thing? Here's an idea: How about everyone — Dems and Republicans — stop elevating stupid, minor incidents like this to "big, hairy deal" status? We'll all be happier.

• A friend of mine griped that, according to her step counting app, she hadn't gotten her 10,000 steps in. Apparently, she's unaware that all you have to do is shake the thing.

• A way too granular gripe: Why is it that Microsoft can't create a "hide task bar" function that actually works consistently? Can this be that hard?

• You've been waiting for my annual Detroit Tigers prediction, so here you go. They'll win 37 games and lose 150. You're thinking, "Wait, they only play 162 games." Yes. Exactly. That's how bad they'll be. Enjoy.

• "Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's Party!'" - Robin Williams

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HELLER, IT WAS the granting of 'normal trade relations' to China along with our free UNFAIR trade policies in place that priced our young out of new cars and trucks. It later became a dominate factor in lowering wages and was often hailed as a hallmark of 'American Capitalism.'

■■■■
YOU WONDER why Trump disliked McCain? Democrats lie and the Russian collusion story begins to take hold. The investigation started during the Obama administration with the help of a fake dossier on Trump, which was paid for by the DNC and leaked to the FBI by Sen. John McCain.

■■■■
I STRONGLY AGREE with the person who wrote in last week. I, too, voted 'no' for the road millage when I saw the DDA attached to it. I don't agree with the way DDA has spent our money. Furthermore, Fenton officials need to re-examine the 22 millages we already pay before asking us to pay for another one.

■■■■
NO POLITICIAN WOULD ever dream of being allowed to call a columnist the things a columnist, like Foster Childs, is allowed to call the politicians. And, regretably, he is usually correct.

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HEY HOLLY, HOW long are we going to have to put up with these suspension

test roads you're putting our cars and trucks through? This is unacceptable.

■■■■
I SEE ANOTHER UAW leader is caught with his hand in the cookie jar. It must make all the rank and filers feel really good, knowing that their supposed leaders were cutting deals with management.

■■■■
THERE IS A local burger chain that only uses styrofoam cups — for everything liquid. They will tell you it's not styrofoam. I texted the management. The recycle companies state otherwise.

■■■■
CO2 IS NOT a pollutant. Plants need it to grow. Water vapor has the largest (about 75 percent), you know clouds, green house impact. Some ice is melting and exposing tree stumps and prehistoric animals. Greenland's glaciers are now growing. Climate changes. Nothing we can do about it.

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DIDN'T KNOW THE report had been released yet, only the reported summary. Didn't see Mueller on TV saying summary was wrong. TDS is strong with you.

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I'M CONFUSED. Is the King column gone because Foster Childs retired? Or is he deceased? Or was he fired? Or did he quit? Was that a real obituary? Please clarify what is going on, inquiring minds want to know.

■■■■
EDUCATION SECRETARY BETSY DeVos defended on Wednesday a proposal to eliminate funding for the Special Olympics. If her friends and family aren't able to financially benefit from education programs, she wants to eliminate them.

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Compiled by Tim Jagielo, media editor and Hannah Ball, staff reporter

It was Women's History Month — which women inspire you?



"My mother is the only one — she inspired me to do what I want to do, and don't let other people bring me down."

— Nancy Green
Fenton



"I am very lucky to have a core group of girlfriends who serve as my inspiration daily. All of them have careers, are adventurous, smart, stylish, they give back to their communities, and they care deeply for their families and friends."

— Emily Caswell, Fenton



"My middle school teacher. She helped me out a lot. She inspired me to be better; it was a critical time in my life."

— Charles Eastman
Fenton Township



"Harriet Tubman. She was a leader that showed what women could do. Generations have followed her. My great-grandmother had a house that was used on the Underground Railroad."

— Don Bunka
Tyrone Township



"I am inspired by my first manager out of college. She taught me so much about leadership and how to stand up for myself in a professional setting."

— Courtney Matlock
Argentine Township

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Liam Senton, 7, a first-grade student at Holly Elementary School, stands in his "Super Can Man" outfit with employees at The Vascular Institute of Michigan. Photo: Submitted photo

Local 7-year-old recognized by food bank

■ 'Liam is a force of nature and loves making a difference in his community'

By Hannah Ball

A 7-year-old Holly Elementary first-grade student won a Hero Hunger Award from the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan.

Liam Senton, also known as "Super Can Man," has collected food for the food bank for three years now. Last year he raised \$2,000 and collected almost 3,000 canned or non-perishable food items.

On Tuesday, March 26, Liam received his award at the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan's annual recognition luncheon. He was joined by his mom and dad, along with Holly Elementary School Principal Ryan Desana, and Michael Newcomb, Holly Area Schools Board of Education president.

His mother, Michelle Senton, said "Liam is a force of nature and loves making a difference in his community. His school, Holly Elementary, is a lighthouse school for the Leader in Me program. This program encourages kids to stand up in their communities and become leaders. Last year, Super Can Man's school allowed him to present his food drive to the entire school and created a spirit week to encourage his schoolmates to donate non-perishable food to his food drive."

This is the third year Liam will partner with his mother's workplace, The Vascular Institute of Michigan, for the VIMcares Let's Can Hunger Food Drive on Saturday, May 18, from 10 a.m. to 2



Liam received a Hero Hunger Award from the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan for his work in collecting non-perishable food items and donations to help fight hunger. Photo: Submitted photo

p.m. Liam mainly collects donations in the spring, but this is his big yearly event where he wears his mask and cape.

The event will feature bounce houses, face painting, games, food trucks, music, wellness exercising demonstrations and more. Cash donations and non-perishable food items will be accepted.

In the last two years, The Vascular Institute of Michigan has raised approximately \$50,000 in cash and over 4,000 lbs. of non-perishable food items.

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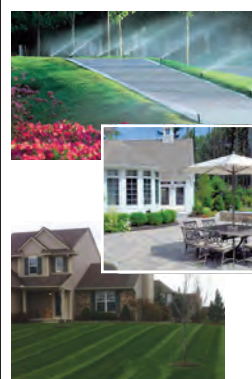
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LOOKING BACK at this week in HISTORY

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MARCH 31

1995: Major League Baseball players are sent back to work after the longest strike in baseball history ends on this day in 1995. Because of the strike, the 1994 World Series was cancelled; it was the first time baseball did not crown a champion in 89 years.

APRIL 1

1970: President Richard Nixon signs legislation officially banning cigarette ads on television and radio. Nixon, who was an avid pipe smoker, indulging in as many as eight bowls a day, supported the legislation at the increasing insistence of public health advocates. Alarming health studies emerged as early as 1939 that linked cigarette smoking to higher incidences of cancer and heart disease and, by the end of the 1950s, all states had laws prohibiting the sale of cigarettes to minors. In 1964, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) agreed that advertisers had a responsibility to warn the public of the health hazards of cigarette smoking.

APRIL 2

1977: Racehorse Red Rum wins a historic third Grand National championship at Aintree Racecourse in Liverpool, England, after taking home victory in 1973 and 1974 and finishing second in 1975 and 1976. Red Rum remains the most successful horse in the history of the Grand National, which is considered by many to be the world's toughest steeplechase race.

APRIL 3

1978: The rise of the action-adventure blockbuster was on the horizon, but on this night in 1978, the small-scale romantic comedy triumphs over the big-budget space extravaganza. At the 50th annual Academy Awards, held at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in Los Angeles, Woody Allen's Annie Hall won the Oscar for Best Picture, beating out George Lucas' Star Wars.

APRIL 4

1968: Just after 6 p.m. on April 4, 1968, Martin Luther King Jr. is fatally shot while standing on the balcony outside his second-story room at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee. The civil rights leader was in Memphis to support a sanitation workers' strike and was on his way to dinner when a bullet struck him in the jaw and severed his spinal cord. King was pronounced dead after his arrival at a Memphis hospital. He was 39 years old.

APRIL 5

2008: Best known in his later years as the outspoken president of the National Rifle Association (NRA), the actor Charlton Heston first earned a reputation in Hollywood for playing larger-than-life figures in epic movies such as The Ten Commandments and Ben-Hur. He died on this day in 2008, at the age of 84.

APRIL 6

1917: Two days after the U.S. Senate voted 82 to 6 to declare war against Germany, the U.S. House of Representatives endorses the declaration by a vote of 373 to 50, and America formally enters World War I.

Source: History.gov

OVERWEIGHT PETS

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Veterinary Clinic in Fenton Township. "We can offer a special food specifically for your overweight pet, but mostly it's about cutting food portions and treats, mostly 'people food.' Just like with humans, diet and exercise go hand in hand."

People who are "couch potatoes" generally have pets who are, too, Smith said. "People who like being active and outdoors often take their pets to agility courses, dog parks and nose work activities. These dogs tend to live healthier lives," she said.

K9 Nose Work is a fairly new recreational activity involving fun search and scenting activities for dog owners and their canine companions.

Exercising a cat isn't quite as simple, but an indoor-only kitty can become a lazy kitty, which can lead to weight gain. APOP recommends hiding an indoor cat's food in a food puzzle or food-dispensing toy, which will force her to be more active. You can also use play toys that require cats to chase and jump.

Smith said it's important for pet owners to feed their pets size-, age- and breed-appropriate foods. "A puppy needs more calories than a 12-year-old dog," said Smith.

She also said that many cat owners don't realize that cats are carnivores and should be eating canned meats, not dry cat food. "Carbohydrates shouldn't be a part of a cat's diet," Smith said. "Cats on dry food are much more prone to obesity."

On the other hand, dogs are omnivores, meaning they can eat grains and meat. "Dogs handle carbs like humans," she said. "Be careful with the grain-free movement you hear about for dogs. It can cause heart disease and death."

Your veterinarian plays the most important role in helping you understand the most nutritional diet for your dog or cat. "We have a nutritional analysis that helps people get a good eating/caloric plan for their pet," Smith said.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

HATS OFF TO the Hot-liner who claimed 'the constitution is nothing more than a suggestion.' That's becoming more and more apparent each day.

DEVOS SEEKS TO eliminate \$18 million to support Special Olympics while spending millions more on charter schools.

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WHAT YOU MISSED IN THE **MIDWEEK TIMES**

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The following are stories you may have missed in the **Wednesday, March 27 Midweek Times**. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

Riverfest coming to downtown Fenton

Fifth annual event will take place at Mill Pond on June 23.

More information on measles 'outbreak'

If you were at these Oakland County locations you may have been exposed to the disease.

Hagerman Foundation helps pay for pathway

The Hagerman Foundation is granting \$25,000 to Argentine Township to help for its share of the engineering costs.

The evolution of movie ratings

Criteria has evolved since starting in 1968, adding PG-13 and NC-17.

If I were King

Ding dong, the King is dead! Long-time columnist says goodbye to his weekly column.

Argentine offering free security assessments

Officers will walk through home, business, church and more to identify risk areas.

St. John students impress with 'Twinderella, the musical'

Students perform modern take on a classic fairy tale.



Fun with zip lines, lizards and nature

Spring Break Day Camp encourages children to leave comfort zone and try new things.

Our Future

Meet Gavin Ambrose, 18, a senior at Holly High School.

NEWS **BRIEFS**

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

New autism support group opens for parents, siblings

Laugh and Learn Therapy Clinic at 5400 Gateway Center, Suite E, in Flint now offers support groups for parents and siblings of children and young adults diagnosed with autism. The parents group meets Mondays, from 5 to 6 p.m. for parents and caregivers of individuals with autism, moderated by Lorretta Robinson, board certified behavior analyst and mother of a 21-year-old son with autism. Children are welcome to attend the meeting and will be engaged in activities with staff, said Robinson. The siblings group meets Thursdays, from 5 to 6 p.m. and will play active games together, moderated by Amber Stabenau, registered behavior technician. Please call (810) 545-7230, option 2, to register. "Only someone who has been there can understand," Robinson said. "There is no requirement to support group participants to be a client of Laugh and Learn Therapy Clinic." Light refreshments will be offered. For more information, visit Welaughandlearn.com or call the phone number above.

NEWS **BRIEFS**

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FOE Auxiliary nominations

The Fenton Fraternal Order of Eagles (FOE) Auxiliary 2460 nominations for office will be on April 24 at 7 p.m. at 1490 N. LeRoy St., Fenton. Members running for office should be there, or submit a note or letter stating what position she wants. For more information, contact Secretary Linda Cole at (248) 390-6859.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

HEY CLIMATE CHANGER, you still don't get it. Let me enlighten you. Skeptics don't deny the climate is changing. We simply reject the unhinged hysteria motivating your arguments. Reasoned, sane proposals are well received. Unnecessarily punitive or impetuous proposals are not.

POINTING TO CHANGES in the climate to prove climate change is a ridiculous argument. Neither Mount Everest nor the Great Lakes have ever been change free. Warming proves warming; it does not prove that mankind is at fault.

IF YOU MUST speak, do so intelligently. Climate change is not pollution of air, water or food. Ignorant humans cause this pollution. Same as those who clean their cars out in parking lots, roadsides, etc. People who espouse love for the earth should treat it better. Pick up some litter once in awhile!

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WHO ELSE DOESN'T like the noise pollution coming from Fenway? The city should do something about it.

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'Bark for Life' event to feature canines against cancer

■ Teamed with Purple People Relay for Life team, money goes to American Cancer Society

By Hannah Ball

Bring your dog to the park to help fight cancer.

The Purple People team from Relay for Life of Genesee County is hosting a Bark for Life event at the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park on Saturday, April 13, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. This is the event's first year.

All proceeds will go to the 2019 Relay For Life of Genesee County.

Katie Skidmore, a volunteer for the American Cancer Society and main organizer of this event, said they've been working in conjunction with the dog park board to get the park ready for the event.

"We are trying something new to get more people involved with Relay for Life. There are a lot of people who love enjoying time with their dogs, so this event will bring the dog lovers out, earn

money for the American Cancer Society, and introduce people to the Thompson Road Dog Park in Fenton," she said.

Features include a walking course and open play area, vendors with booths, a Frisbee contest, bobbing for hot dogs and more. Skidmore said they're hoping for 80 canines and to raise \$2,500.

Registration is \$20 for one dog and \$5 for additional dogs. This price includes a bag of goodies, with dog treats, a Relay bandana, and a dog toy, donated by Dr. Wax Orthodontics.

Vendors pay \$30 for a 10- by 10-foot tent space that they provide along with a table and chair.

"They can promote their business and pass out information or items to the canines or pet owners," Skidmore said,

adding that she's still looking for vendors.

Committed vendors include the dog park, Companion Animal Hospital, Relay for Life, Camp Bow Wow, McKenna's Beauty Bar, Homegrown Hounds and Adopt-A-Pet, who will bring dogs available for adoption.

“There are a lot of people who love enjoying time with their dogs, so this event will bring the dog lovers out ...”

Katie Skidmore
American Cancer Society volunteer

'A Dance with Death,' a murder mystery

■ 1950s sock hop gone sour

The Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce has partnered with Fenton Area Resources & Referral (FARR) to host a Murder Mystery Dinner fundraising event.

The public is invited to join in on this fun-filled evening while supporting people in need in our community. The event will take place on April 6 at St. John's Activity Center. The doors open at 6 p.m. The mystery setting is a 1950s sock hop that went sour. Participants are welcome to join in the fun and dress the part. Tables of eight will work as a team while they enjoy entertainment, dinner, dessert and drinks. Opportunities to win prizes and money will also happen throughout the evening.

Fenton Area Resources and Referral serves the community by offering assistance to local residents with a variety of needs. Its mission is to coordinate community services to meet humanitarian needs in the boundaries of Fenton, Lake Fenton and Linden school districts. Last year, along with local partners, FARR served over 170 individuals and families and assisted with more than \$40,000 in relief funds.

Space is limited. Don't miss this opportunity to participate in the inaugural Murder Mystery Event. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the Fenton Regional Chamber at (810) 629-5447 or purchase tickets on-line at fentonchamber.com.

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NEWSPAPERS

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A print newspaper, for example, cannot help you when you're in the car, stalled on the highway — wondering why. That's when it makes sense to snap on your smart phone, log onto myfenton.com and find out what's going on. Whether it's an accident or a fire, we're usually right on the situation, providing as many details as we can as they become available.

The Tri-County Times, which has been one of the most successful hometown newspapers in the state for decades, offers a comprehensive website and social media avenues for readers who choose to receive their news and information that way.

We believe, however, that in this fast-paced world, we need to continue offering a print edition, which is why the Tri-County Times' recent merger with The View

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Newspaper Group, which boasts more than 270,000 weekly print editions across eight Michigan counties, is so important to our readers and the communities we serve. It is already proving to be very beneficial to our readers and a powerful tool for our advertisers.

With the exception of some breaking news that people need to know immediately, everything that we post on our website and social media pages begins on the pages of our newspapers. We believe that newspapers are especially necessary to smaller, but active, communities to maintain their economic health and civic pride.

The Tri-County Times today serves a steady diet of interesting, entertaining and informative stories, as well as a vast variety of informative articles on many topics, twice each week to our local residents.

Over the past year, we have provided readers with important information on the deteriorating condition of our roads and local efforts to combat that situation. Our election coverage provides valuable information regarding the candidates seeking to represent us locally, in the county and state. We also explain all of the ballot questions in all elections so voters are properly informed to make educated decisions. The biggest of these in 2018 were the legalization of recreational marijuana, and the failed roads millages in the cities of Fenton and Linden.

We report regularly on the progress, or lack thereof, of local developments. We have provided ongoing coverage on criminal activity, including criminal sexual conduct cases. We also provide parents with valuable tips to help protect their children. And we provide helpful tips to senior citizens so they are not bilked out of their hard-earned dollars through the numerous scams that pop up on a regular basis.

School news and the achievements of our treasured students are always topics we enjoy covering and publishing in our newspapers, including our coverage of local high school athletics.

Each of our local communities are experiencing growing pains in some fashion. At the same time, these growing pains are turning them into destinations, where visitors want to spend some time — and money — enjoying our local offerings.

Restaurants, especially in the downtowns, are thriving with both residents and visitors taking advantage of a variety of local dining options.

Communities are responding, too, by offering more entertainment opportunities, especially family oriented activities such as farmers markets, concerts in the parks, holiday parades and festivities, art and music programs, and annual church and community festivals.

The Tri-County Times reports on all these and more. And, it's going to get better. Now that we are part of a larger newspaper group, we have the benefit of more eyes and ears to report on what's important to readers.

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STABBING CASE

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last April. The three suspects, all from Owosso, face life in prison without possibility of parole.

Background

Culkins was found in a Mundy Township field, near Baldwin and Jennings roads, on Saturday, April 21 2018.

According to a previous Times story, nearby residents called 911 just before 11 a.m. that morning. They said they saw a truck, which turned out to be an older model GMC pickup with California license plates, by some trees in the middle of their farm field at the northwest corner of S. Jennings and Baldwin roads. They found Culkins lying next to it.

Witnesses who testified last summer included Anne Davies, a Metro Police Authority of Genesee County officer, who was first to respond to the call.

After allegedly stabbing Culkins to death, it is believed the trio went to a nearby gas station. After they left, the gas station clerk noticed the wrapper from a stolen store item in the restroom and called 911.

Officer Gunner Wright of the Grand Blanc Township police stopped the three on foot. He said he found a pair of blue latex gloves with a red substance on them. Clark admitted to Wright that it was blood. He said he was drunk at a bonfire the night before and had hit his head on a tree.

All three were arraigned April 27, 2018. Currently, Clark is being represented by Major White, an attorney he retained. Lover is being represented by Glenn Cotton, who was appointed, and Shaw is being represented by Archie Haymen, a retired Genesee County court judge, who she retained.



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Lover



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HOT LINE CONTINUED

TOP LATE NIGHT talk show ratings are falling faster than Alec Baldwin's movie career. Late night audiences are down over 19 percent and leaking more viewers every day. Meanwhile Fox news ratings are up 37 percent and rising.

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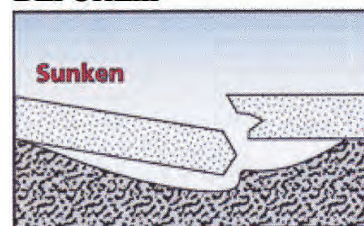
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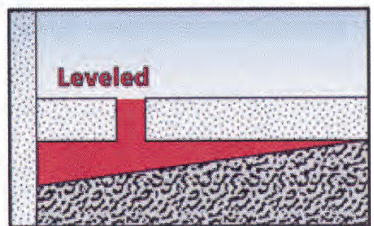
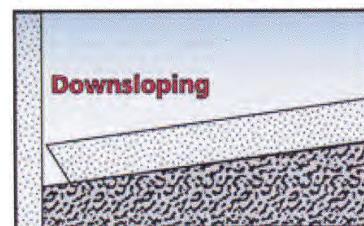
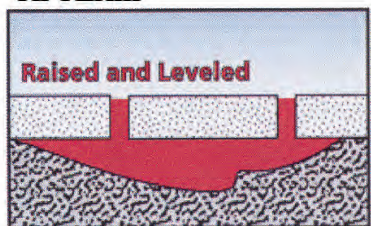
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■■■
NOW THAT WE have the findings of the two-year Mueller report those of you who still rely on CNN for your news, congratulations you are now officially declared 'brain dead.'

■■■
I CAN'T BELIEVE that the King is leaving the Times. The Times should make him an offer he can't refuse. Foster Childs is a great American that speaks for us. Get rid of the left winger.

■■■
IN MICHIGAN, WE have often thought of public transit as a service for those who cannot afford a car. It is seen as a tool for addressing workforce needs and a transportation option to access healthcare, supermarkets, and other personal needs — for the low-income population, not the rest of us

FENTON LEADERS

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While the three community leaders, who know each other well, have vastly different jobs, what they have in common is their love for the Fenton communities and strong desire to serve the citizens they represent.

Reflecting on some of the more rewarding times, Osborn said the year 2007 comes to mind. "That's when we had the August tornado," she said. "It was so devastating, such a mess."

"It was wonderful to see how neighbors came out to help each other, even long after the storm," she said. "I think that was the start to rebuilding the downtown we have today."

Osborn said she came to Fenton in 1976, just after Urban Renewal, a project that razed nearly every building in the downtown area.

"Now we have the big buildings again," she said.

Lockwood added that the opening of Leroy Street and removing the buildings, such as Dancers Fashions and Ideal Pharmacy, "was the beginning of what we now see as downtown Fenton."

Osborn said she enjoys working with a

great city council that works together to make things happen such as a new fire hall, Department of Public Works garage, and water treatment plant. She also applauded the city administrator and Downtown Development Authority (DDA) for their unending efforts to improve the city.

The biggest challenge facing the city of Fenton is the deteriorating infrastructure, especially the roads. She said she believes the state needs to look at its standards for road construction, which currently keep costs to repair and replace them at an all-time high.

Overall, Osborn said, "It's rewarding when people tell me, 'I love living in Fenton.'"

Lockwood said, "I think being able to serve on so many different boards and commissions, giving leadership skills to people to be successful is very rewarding."

She also enjoys her work on the numerous successful events in the city, such as the Fourth of July Freedom Festival, Jinglefest at Christmas.

"Any time you can help your community and people in any way — it comes right back to you," Lockwood said.

Lockwood cited the lack of funds to the city from the state as a major drawback. She said, people don't understand how important state shared revenue funds are to a city. Speaking, too, of the DDA, she said, "People still don't understand how the DDA works and how much good they do for the city. It's an ongoing challenge."

"The city does a great job with the service it gives to the people," Lockwood said. "We are fortunate to have a strong administration. Fenton is a bright spot in the state of Michigan. We have made it walkable, livable while still respecting the historic part of the community."

While Osborn and Lockwood are only compensated for attending meetings, Mathis is a paid township employee. While all three are charged with making major decisions for their communities, Mathis must take a more hands-on approach.

When Mathis became supervisor, she said she took it upon herself to learn everything in every township department.

"My residents are my family and I treat them like my family," she said.

Fenton Township is different from the city of Fenton in that the township has 17 lakes, which Mathis said is a huge responsibility, mainly because of sewers.



Pat Lockwood (left), Sue Osborn and Bonnie Mathis chat after their portrait on Thursday, March 28. Photo: Tim Jagielo

"We have 100 miles of sewer pipes and 57 lift stations," she said. "That's as many as Detroit. The city of Fenton has seven. When I got into office we had over 20 leaks. If we have a leak, sewage goes into a lake. We can't allow a spill to ever happen. Power outages are big. I'm on call 24/7."

"I look forward to going to work every day," Mathis said. "I try my best to solve problems on a daily basis. I might not be able to do it right away, but make it a point to get issues resolved. My office door is always open and people can talk to me any time," she said.

Sue Osborn, 70, is the mayor for the city of Fenton. She has been serving the community on the Fenton City Council for nearly 40 years. Her service to the community began in 1985, when she was appointed to fill a vacant position on the city council. She was later elected to the office, and was elected to serve as mayor in 1998, a position she has held since.

Pat Lockwood, 70, serves as the mayor pro tem for the city of Fenton. She first came to the Fenton City Council in 1988. She was on the council for one year and then served as mayor for the next 11 years. She then served at the state and county levels before returning to local government, winning a seat on the Fenton City Council in 2011.

Bonnie Mathis, 77, is the Fenton Township supervisor. She began her service to those she affectionately calls "my residents" as a trustee on the Board of Trustees in 1990. She was a trustee for 12 years, until 2002 when she ran for the supervisor's office and won. She has served as supervisor ever since.

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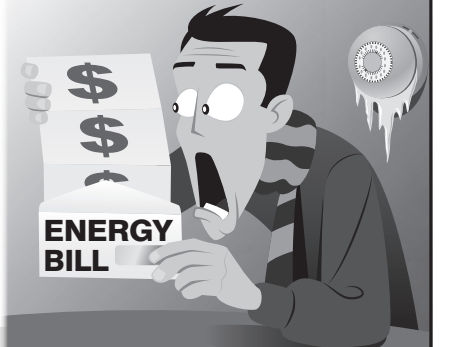
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DeRidder enjoys strong first year with Spartans

By David Troppens
Drew DeRidder's hockey career has led him to many places. He represented the United States during the 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games, earning a gold medal against Team Canada. He's also had the opportunity to play with the Cedar Rapids RoughRiders in the United States Hockey League, one of the top junior hockey leagues in America. Now the Fenton resident is a member of the Michigan State hockey squad. And while only a freshman, he's already made

his mark on the program. DeRidder played in 17 of the Spartans' 36 contests during the 2018-19 hockey season. And while playing in those games, DeRidder was able to defeat the Michigan Wolverines in his first start against the Spartans' biggest rivals. Recently, he also was named on the Big Ten's All-Freshman Team. "It was a lot of fun," DeRidder said about his first season with the Spartans. "I wish I would've played more, but that's something I can look forward to next year." It wasn't a lock DeRidder was going to earn that spot entering the season. After all, his biggest competition was John Lethemon, a junior who saw action in four games a season ago. So any playing time DeRidder earned he was going to have to earn.

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Drew DeRidder played in 17 games as goalie for the Michigan State Spartans during his freshman year with the program. **Photo submitted**



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Sports

Lake Fenton's Trombley leads our 2019 wrestling team

By David Troppens
Sean Trombley had 200 wins in his Lake Fenton varsity wrestling career. He was a four-time All-State performer and a three-time state runner-up. The wins and successes were numerous, yet when Trombley talks about his career, and what made him the wrestler he was, he doesn't bring up his well-known victories. He brings up the hard times in the Lake Fenton wrestling room. While within the program he had some of the toughest wrestling partners in the state. He wrestled assistant coaches who were state champions in the past. He wrestled his older brother many times and many other strong wrestlers within the program. And guess what? Those matches quite frequently didn't end in wins. "In our wrestling room, we have coaches like Brandon Hill, Zach Corcoran and Connor Brancheau," Trombley said. "They were all college wrestlers and all of them still continue to wrestle. They can still beat all of us and they kill us in practice. "I've been to other teams' practices and our practices have to be in the top three if not the best in the state in terms of being the hardest practices." Those "beat up" sessions are just fine with Trombley. Through them he became one of the greatest wrestlers in Lake Fenton history, becoming one of

just a handful to finish his career with 200 victories. And now that his career is over, he can add another honor to his list of accomplishments. He's the 2019 Tri-County Most Valuable Wrestler. Trombley knows his battles at practice made him a better wrestler. "I've wrestled Zach the most and he definitely beats me," Trombley said. "But when I wrestle him after we go a few rounds, he teaches me stuff to do and how to finish moves and stuff like that. He knows my wrestling style so he can do things to prevent me from wrestling within my comfort zone. He

See TROMBLEY on 15

The Trombley File

Here is a look at Lake Fenton senior Sean Trombley's wrestling career. He finished his career with 200 victories.

Year	Wgt	Record	State
Freshman	135	47-17	Fifth
Sophomore	140	53-6	Second
Junior	145	48-2	Second
Senior	152	52-2	Second



Lake Fenton's Sean Trombley is our 2019 Tri-County Wrestler of the Year. He capped his career by taking second at the state meet.
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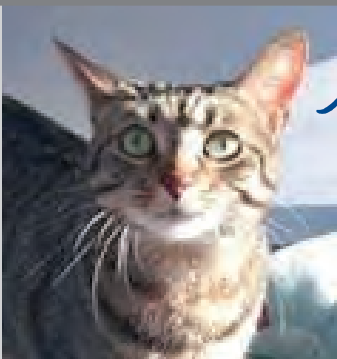


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Drew DeRidder

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“I knew it would be a battle,” DeRidder said. “I knew I would be able to do it if I played well. They told us it would be a battle. He ended up playing 18 games while I played in 17, so we split everything.”

In the 17 games DeRidder played, he faced 520 shots, making saves on 90.6 percent of those shots. He allowed 54 goals and posted a record of 3-8-5.

“I thought I looked good in the games I played this year,” DeRidder said. “My stats were pretty good, except for the winning games part. I have to win more games next year. That’s something I’m looking forward to doing. I am going to work on being able to get those big one, two or three saves needed to help the team win.”

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TROMBLEY

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“That’s the one thing I have that my brother never was able to do, but he also missed a lot of his second year (due to transfer rules),” Sean Trombley said. “So I guess I have some bragging rights. I’m one of only five in the program to ever get 200 wins.”

Lake Fenton varsity wrestling coach Vance Corcoran said Trombley has exactly the work ethic to make him as successful as he’s been during his career.

“His work ethic and attitude is outstanding. He has this attitude that he’s not going to lose,” Corcoran said. “He’s not bragging, but he has that confidence inside. When he’s on the mat it’s 100 percent all business and it’s great seeing that.”

His freshman year Trombley quickly made a name for himself, posting a 47-17 mark and finishing fifth at the state meet at 135 pounds. With each season, he moved to a new weight class and steadily improved his winning percentage on the mat. As a sophomore he went 53-6 and was a runner-up at the state meet at 140 pounds. That was the first of three state finalist finishes during his last three seasons. His junior season he finished the year with a 48-2 record at 145 pounds. This year he wrestled at 152 pounds and had a 52-2 mark. He ended his career with 200 wins, which is something his older brother, four-time state champion Jarrett Trombley, never was able to do during

his prep career.

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Corcoran said Trombley’s path to getting 200 wins was not by accident. Trombley has had his share of injuries and suffered through one this season, forcing him to wear a knee brace for a good portion of the season. In order to get to 200 wins, Corcoran knew Trombley would have to wrestle through the injury, a torn MCL.

“We went to Imlay City and he went 4-0 with the knee brace,” Corcoran said. “If he didn’t do that, he wouldn’t

2019 All Tri-County Wrestling Team

Times 2019 Wrestler of the Year

Most Valuable Wrestler	Team	Rec	Postseason
152) Sean Trombley	Lake Fenton	52-2	State runner-up

Comment: Trombley capped his career with 200 wins and three straight state runner-up finishes at the individual state meet. He was a four-time All-State performer during his career.

The rest of the first team			
Wrestler	Team	Record	Postseason
103) Kendra Ryan	Fenton	40-9	Regional qualifier
112) Andrew Kolman	Holly	42-11	State qualifier
119) Trey Hale	Fenton	15-4	Regional qualifier
125) Luke Thornton	Fenton	31-14	Regional qualifier
130) Nate Young	Holly	51-7	State runner-up
130) Caleb White	Linden	39-11	Eighth at state
135) Jacob Gonzales	Holly	51-3	Seventh at state
140) Mitchell Kerr	Linden	33-12	Regional qualifier
145) Jayden Rittenbury	Fenton	43-5	State qualifier
160) Uzziah Delgado	Linden	39-10	Regional qualifier
171) Dalton Wagner	Fenton	34-19	Regional qualifier
189) Cade Dallwitz	Holly	55-2	Third at state
189) Logan Julian	Lake Fenton	48-6	Fourth at state
215) Zolen Marron	Lake Fenton	50-5	Third at state
285) Blake Querio	Holly	53-3	Fourth at state

Note: This team is selected based on the wrestler that had the best performance in the individual state series. If there are no placers at a particular weight in the state series we select the highest placer at the league meets. There may be up to two wild card positions, but to qualify for one of the two spots, the wrestler must compete at the state meet. Records are based on MSHAA state meet results.

have reached his 200th career victory. That’s something his brother never did before. Only four have done it, which means he’ll go down as one of the winningest wrestlers in Lake Fenton history.”

Still with all of his success,

it’s three losses that some fans may remember more than all of Trombley’s accomplishments. Of course, those losses are his three state championship matches.

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DAVID'S 2019 DETROIT TIGERS FORECAST

The Good & The Bad



GOOD

BAD

It’s hard to be terribly optimistic about the staff. Matthew Boyd leads the staff, but is more of a No. 3 starter than a No. 1 starter.

Starting Pitching

If Jordan Zimmerman enters the season as the team’s second-best starter, that team has troubles. Too many question marks.

Shane Greene did save 32 games last season (check the bad for the rest of the comment).

Relief Pitching

But let’s face facts, he’s not very good. Joe Jimenez may have a future but the rest of these guys don’t matter much.

Miguel Cabrera is the offensive anchor of this unit, but he’s getting old, and probably won’t play more than 100 games.

Catching/ Infield

After Cabrera, there isn’t another bat worth worrying about on this squad.

If Nick Castellanos stays all year, he’ll provide a nice average and some power.

Outfield

In 10 years most fans will forget most of these other guys were ever Tigers.

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Season outlook

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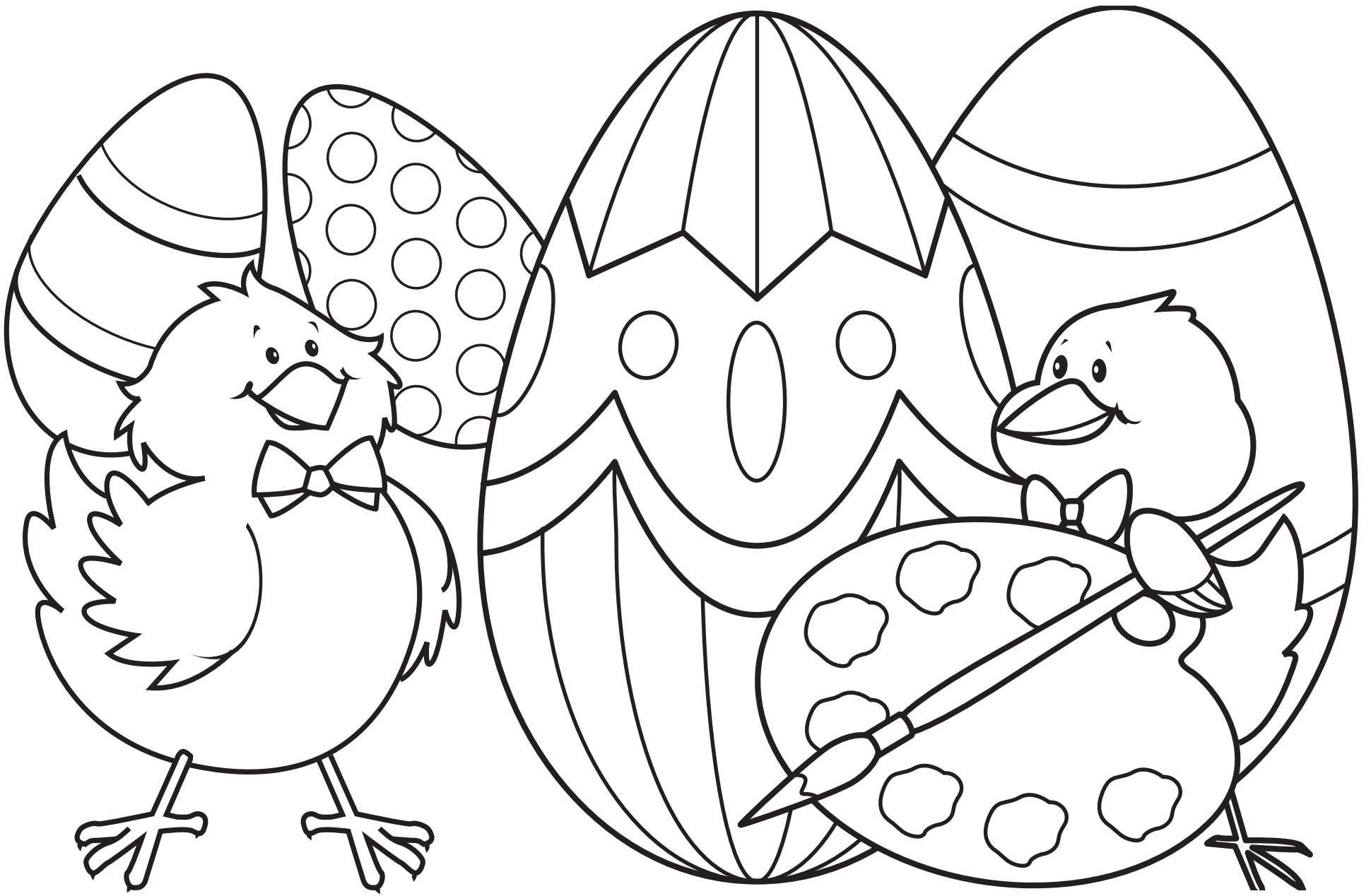
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Hornings prepare to leave schoolhouse home

■ Retired Tyrone Township couple hopes to share history and love of their historic home

By Sally Rummel

Gary and Mary Horning sip coffee in the family room of their cozy schoolhouse home, warmed by the fireplace that once heated the main classroom of the Riggs School in Tyrone Township.

This is just one of the many memories that floods the Hornings' emotions as they prepare to sell their historic schoolhouse home after living there for 36 years. They are already working with a Realtor to list their home.

Built in 1854, this home at 4015 Bennett Lake Rd. was a schoolhouse until 1954, when K-12 Fenton students transferred to a three-story building attached to today's World of Wonder Early Learning Center on Ellen Street.

The Hornings, with son Brent just 6 months old, became the third owners of the converted schoolhouse home in 1983.

A retired teacher, Gary loves thinking about the hundreds of students who walked through the threshold of his home into their classroom, just a step up from a slab of limestone that is only one reminder of this home's long history as a school.

"There are so many memories here. 'We raised our family here and have had our grandkids here,' said Gary, 66, now undergoing treatment for prostate cancer.

He's also facing the reality he no longer has the stamina to climb ladders to maintain their rural 1.8-acre property and wants to spend his leisure time growing his antiques business.

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“There
are so many
memories
here.”

Gary Horning
Homeowner and
retired teacher



Mary and Gary Horning sit in the living room of their Tyrone Township schoolhouse, which was built in 1854. The home is approximately 1,900 square feet and they've recently redone a bathroom. Photos: Tim Jagielo

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Gracie Windom, 6, of Linden plays at the Jack R. Winegarden Library on Wednesday, March 27. She said learning to read is important for learning and writing. Photo: Tim Jagielo

LITERACY

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Librarians at each branch had a Pete the Cat stuffed animal, which they would hide everyday somewhere in the children's section.

"The goal is to begin getting kids familiar with things like titles, authors, and sections of the library. Kids, parents and staff love it," she said.

Kids were encouraged to look for Pete the Cat when they come into the library, and once he's found, the kids filled out a "button." On this button, they write their name, title and author of the book, and the section of the library where Pete was located. These buttons are displayed and the kids received a free Pete the Cat book.

At the Linden Library, Branch Librarian John Ekleberry said 51 children have found Pete hiding the library somewhere and won a free Pete the Cat book.

"I typically let the child who found him re-hide him for the next kid," he said.

The GDL also partners with local businesses to support literacy and the library branches. September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month, and more than a dozen Fenton and Linden businesses offer discounts if you show them your library card. This includes Fenton businesses Gerych's Distinctive Flowers & Gifts, Mancino's of Fenton, Beale Street Smokehouse, Elections and more. Linden businesses include Calabria Village and Shirley's Cafe & Grill.

Child literacy rates are a hot topic in the legislature and education sector. Michigan has been falling behind in third-grade reading levels according to recent data. Approximately 44 percent of Michigan's third-grade students tested proficient or higher on the English language arts portion

of the spring 2018 Michigan Student Test of Education Progress (M-STEP).

The majority of Michigan third-graders, about 55 percent, which is 56,850 students, are not proficient in reading, writing, language and listening.

In 2016, former Gov. Rick Snyder signed into law a bill that held back third-grade students who didn't meet reading require-

ment standards. Certain exemptions applied, and parents could appeal their child's case to the district's superintendent.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced in early March that she wants to overturn this law, calling it "destructive," according to The Detroit News.

Over the next few weeks, the Times will publish a series of articles on literacy in Michi-

gan, Genesee County and local school districts. Topics will include literacy rates, intervention programs, the science behind learning to read, banned books, reading rates and more.

READING RATES — HOW FAST CAN PEOPLE READ?

The average kindergarten graduate should be able to read about 10 words per minute (wpm), according to irisreading.com. First grade students should be able to read 23 words per minute, and by second grade, that number should be 72. By third grade, it's 92 wpm. At fourth grade, it's 112 wpm. Fifth grade students should be able to read 140 wpm.

By eighth grade, they should be able to read 151 wpm. In high school, the increase in reading speed slows, but they do improve as they age.

The average adult can read 200 to 250 words per minute. College students, who must read daily, can read up to 300 words per minute on average.

“The goal is to begin getting kids familiar with things like titles, authors, and sections of the library. Kids, parents and staff love it.”

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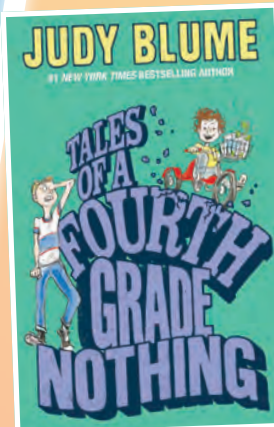
By Vera Hogan

Almost everyone remembers their favorite children's books. Here are a few of the all-time greats throughout the years.



Charlotte's Web (1952)

In his classic and beloved novel, E. B. White tells the memorable story of Wilbur, a little pig who becomes famous with the help of his clever friend, Charlotte, and their chatty animal neighbors. Lessons of friendship, loyalty, and truth bind this story together and show readers that friends come in all shapes and sizes.



Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing (1972)

Life with his little brother, 2-year-old Fudge, makes Peter Hatcher feel like a fourth grade nothing. Fudge is actually a tiny terror in disguise, causing mischief everywhere he goes. Whether Fudge is throwing a temper tantrum in a shoe store, smearing mashed potatoes on the walls at Hamburger Heaven, or trying to fly, he's never far from trouble. He's an almost 3-year-old terror who gets away with everything, and Peter's had it up to here.



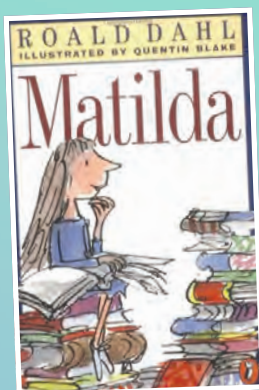
Where the Wild Things Are (1963)

One night Max puts on his wolf suit and makes mischief of one kind and another, so his mother calls him 'Wild Thing' and sends him to bed without his supper. That night a forest begins to grow in Max's room and an ocean rushes by with a boat to take Max to the place where the wild things are. Max tames the wild things and crowns himself as their king, and then the wild rumpus begins. But when Max has sent the monsters to bed, and everything is quiet, he starts to feel lonely and realizes it is time to sail home to the place where someone loves him best of all.



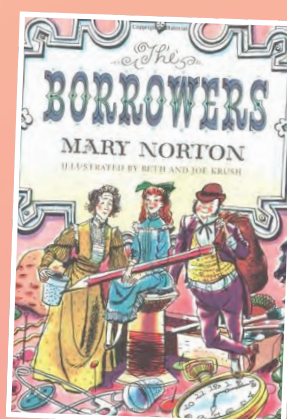
Are You My Mother (1960)

This is a very simple story for children who have just started to read. Their younger brothers or sisters will also want to follow the baby bird's quest as he asks everyone and everything he meets, "Are You My Mother?" Back in 1957, Theodor Geisel responded to an article in Life magazine that lamented the use of boring reading primers in schools. Using the pseudonym of "Dr. Seuss" (Seuss was Geisel's middle name) and only 223 words, Geisel created a replacement for those dull primers: "The Cat in the Hat." The instant success of the book prompted Geisel and his wife to found Beginner Books, and Geisel wrote many popular books in this series, including "Hop on Pop," "Fox in Socks," and "Green Eggs and Ham," to name a few.



Matilda (1988)

Matilda is a little girl who is far too good to be true. At age 5 and a half she's knocking off double-digit multiplication problems and blitz-reading Dickens. But everything is not perfect in Matilda's world. For starters, she has two of the most idiotic, self-centered parents who ever lived. Then there's the large, busty, nightmare of a school principal, Miss ("The") Trunchbull, a former hammer-throwing champion who flings children at will and is approximately as sympathetic as a bulldozer. Fortunately for Matilda, she has the inner resources to deal with such annoyances: astonishing intelligence, saintly patience, and an innate predilection for revenge.



The Borrowers (1952)

Beneath the kitchen floor is the world of the Borrowers—Pod and Homily Clock and their daughter, Arrietty. In their tiny home, matchboxes double as roomy dressers and postage stamps hang on the walls like paintings. Whatever the Clocks need they simply "borrow" from the "human beans" who live above them. It's a comfortable life, but boring if you're a kid. Only Pod is allowed to venture into the house above, because the danger of being seen by a human is too great. Borrowers who are seen by humans are never seen again. Yet Arrietty won't listen. There is a human boy up there, and Arrietty is desperate for a friend.

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About 10 years ago, when my stepson was in the U.S. Navy, he served on a destroyer and was deployed to the South Seas and Asian places far away. We didn't know exactly where and he could not tell us where.

While on one of those deployments, he was able to do his Christmas shopping for home. He bought me a choker string of pearls and a matching bracelet. I do believe he may have purchased the same gift for his mother and a set for his grandmother.

I wore the pearl choker and the bracelet two times, one of which was on the day that he and his lovely wife renewed their wedding vows in Holly, where he grew up. They had already gotten legally married in Hawaii a few months earlier, but they wanted to recite their vows again in front of friends and family. And, a few months later, they did it again in China where they now live.

Anyway, back to the pearls. I came across the box in my desk drawer a few weeks ago, opened it and really looked at them for the first time. They are an off-white color, not perfectly round shaped and they are heavy, very heavy.

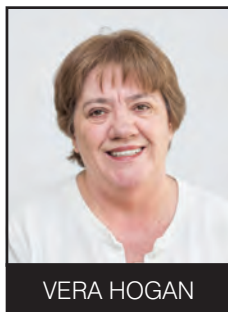
I started doing some research on pearls and learned there are quite a few different varieties, depending on where they came from, their shape and color. I learned that the ones called "South Sea" pearls are the most valuable.

Considering where my stepson picked up the pearls, I thought why not, I'll have them appraised and see what they're worth. I have no intention of selling them because they were a gift from him, but my curiosity was getting the better of me.

A couple days after Sawyer Jewelers in Fenton reopened after their flooding

issue, I took the pearls in to be appraised. The nice lady who would be doing the appraisal looked them over. She said they are very nice but didn't think they were worth hundreds, but wouldn't know for sure until she consulted her books. I had already given them the tooth test and knew that they are genuine pearls.

A few days later I picked up my pearls and the appraisal and was very pleasantly surprised to learn that they were in fact worth hundreds, many of them (won't say exactly how much). I took them home and they now have a more prominent, safe spot in my house.



VERA HOGAN

On Wednesday night, my stepson called from his home in China. We use WeChat which allows us to speak live, face to face. I asked him, "Hey, do you remember those pearls you got me a long time ago?"

He said, "Yeeeeeess, why?"

I asked, "Do you by any chance remember where you bought them? And, if you don't mind my asking, how much did you pay for them?"

He said he was pretty sure he bought them in Singapore and that he paid no more than 60 bucks for them.

When I told him how much they appraised for, he flipped. "WHAAAAAT?"

I jokingly told him he's not getting them back. He said, "No, but I'm going out and find more pearls." An image of him squatting on a sandy beach, shucking oysters suddenly came to mind.

My pearls have been haphazardly moved around and tossed around for many years. I am going to spend some time, while I'm decluttering my house this spring, to see what other valuable possessions I might have. The possibilities are endless. Just sayin'!

Opinions offered in Just Sayin' are the author's alone and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Tri-County Times or its staff. Email Vera at vhogan@tctimes.com.



Gary Horning wallpapered this upstairs bathroom with pages from old North Road Elementary library books. Photo: Tim Jagielo

SCHOOLHOUSE Continued from Page 17

This rural estate includes an orchard, manicured gardens, rock gardens and a retention pond with goldfish and water lilies. You'll also find charming outbuildings like a garden tea house, garden shed and chicken coop lovingly called a "chocolaterie," plus a gem of a tree house hidden back in the woods.

"It's such a lovely spot," Mary said. "You feel like you're secluded in the country, but you're so close to everything."

The Hornings have hosted countless tours for school children, church groups, annual Christmas parties and end-of-school-year gatherings. Their home was also featured in Fenton's Sesquicentennial Homes Tour in 1984 and the Open Gate Garden Club Tour in 2009.

The unique historic features of this schoolhouse home remind guests they are visiting some place special.

The walls are three-bricks thick, then covered with wet plaster. It made for an interesting kitchen remodel when Lin-

den Kitchen & Bath did a total update 20 years ago. The floors on the main level are all original, too.

Doors in the downstairs office were salvaged from the old three-story Fenton school, and French doors in the living room came from an old ice cream parlor in Flint. The living room also features an historic church window and beams salvaged from an old barn where McDonald's on Owen Road is today.

The remodeled downstairs bathroom features a vanity fashioned from an old sewing cabinet with a cast iron base. The upstairs bathroom boasts a sauna, and is decorated with "wallpaper" of discarded library books from North Road Elementary School in Fenton.

Modern updates include a two-car garage, large new deck with a pavilion, mixed aggregate patio and sidewalk, new roof and 28 arborvitae planted for privacy.

The Hornings are hoping to re-locate in Fenton on a smaller ranch-style property. "It's all in the Lord's hands, we know that," Mary said.

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**Synopsis of Argentine Township
Regular Board Meeting, March 25, 2019**

Call to order @ 7:00 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Saad.
Present: Hallman, Conner, Saad and Graves. Absent: Schmidt.
Approved: Minutes of Regular Board Meeting February 25, 2019.
Approved: Budget Amendments.
Approved: Payment of bills as printed.
Approved: Agreement with West Shore Services.
Accepted: Resignation of firefighter Jeremy Hatton.
Approved: Purchase of SSCOR S-SCORTIII for Fire Dept.
Hired: Dylan Mussal as a Firefighter/EMS.
Approved: Police Department to receive items through the 1033 LESO program if awarded.
Designated: Trustee Hallman to approve Police Dept. items received from the 1033 LESO program.
Issued: 7 Building and Zoning permits that total \$7,871.70.
Adopted: Resolution 2019-2 to amend the special assessment roll for one property on Haviland Beach Dr.
Adopted: Law Day May 1, 2019 Proclamation.
Approved: Terms of the GCRC 2019 Dust Control Program.
Approved: Fleis & Vandenbrink Professional Services Agreement amendment No. 1.
Approved: 50-50 funds agreement to resurface Pleasant and Harper Drives.
Approved: Lawn Maintenance contract for Police Dept. and Township Hall with Royalty Services.
Approved: Clerk to respond that Argentine Township wishes to continue in the CDBG program with the County.
Approved: Clerk to advertise for bids rental of agricultural parcel on Silver lake Rd.
Adjourned: 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Denise Graves
Argentine Township Clerk

**ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS
March 13, 2019**

Supervisor Scheib-Snider called the Regular Meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Rose Township Office, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Board Members Present: Miller, Gambka, Blaska, Noble, Scheib-Snider
Board Members Absent: None
Approved: Agenda for the March 13, 2019 regular meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees.
Approved: Consent agenda.
Approved: Beebe Cemetery Fence Request for Proposal Specifications for April 1, 2019.
Approved: Supervisor Scheib-Snider will create an opt-out ordinance for recreational Marihuana establishments and will have the township attorney review. The proposed ordinance will be placed on the Rose Township Board April 10, 2019 agenda.
Approved: Resolution appointing Peter Stouffer and Penny Sharich to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a partial term ending in December 2021.
Approved: Site Grass Mowing Bid Specifications and Contract for the Rose Township Offices, Hall and Parks.
Approved: Site Grass Mowing Bid Specifications and Contract for the Rose Township Cemeteries.
Date Set: Township Clean-Up Day will be Saturday, May 11, 2019 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Update: Township Attorney John Mulvihill states no potential conflicts of interest were found with any Rose Township Board or Commission members.
Approved: RCOC Dust Control contract for five applications, 71.333 miles, in the amount of \$95,433.60.
Update: House Bill No. 4095- Supervisor Scheib-Snider states Bill would make it up to 10 residents on 20 acres and would override local authority. Changes to local zoning should not be a state concern, should be handled locally.
Date Set: NOCFA Budget Discussion will be placed on April 10, 2019 Rose Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Adjourned: By motion at 8:15 p.m.

Debbie Miller, MMC, CMMC
Rose Township Clerk

Dianne Scheib-Snider
Rose Township Supervisor

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT -
PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD)
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON,
GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

To the residents and property owners of The Charter Township of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan, and any other interested persons:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of a recommendation made by the Fenton Township Planning Commission, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton will conduct a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Fenton Township Zoning Ordinance to rezone parcel 06-10-300-014, owned by Lois Van Lente, from R-3 (Single Family Residential - Medium Density) to PUD (Planned Unit Development). The subject property is located on the north side of Lahring Road, east of Jennings Road, in Section 10 of the Charter Township of Fenton.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the legal description of the subject property is as follows:

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has tentatively scheduled the first reading of the proposed amendatory ordinance to be conducted concurrently with the public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the proposed amendatory ordinance may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk from the date of this Notice until and including the date of the public hearing hereon and may further be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the public hearing for the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment will be held at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan within the Township commencing at 7:30 p.m. on Monday April 15, 2019.

At such hearing, the board will consider any written comments regarding the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment that might be filed with said board at or prior to the time of said hearing. All interested persons are also invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place and to submit verbal comments concerning any of the foregoing.

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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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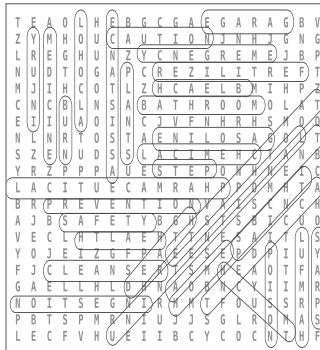
MIDWEEK JUMBLE ANSWERS

Jumbles: TRULY, REBEL, POLISH, LOUNGE
Answer: When her plum tree dried up due to summer heat, she decided to — **PRUNE IT**

WEEKEND SCRAMBLER ANSWERS

Scramblers: PUNISH, INSPIRE, SHAKE, WINCE
Answer: **ASPIRINS**

WEEKEND WORD SEARCH ANSWERS



MIDWEEK CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Solution Time: 21 min.

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Invitation to bid

PROPERTY FOR RENT: Argentine Township is renting out 01-28-100-002, a vacant parcel 20 acre parcel of land on Silver Lake Road, just west of Bird Road for Agricultural use. For information please call the Township office at (810) 735-5050 or stop in the office 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden MI 48451. Argentine Township reserves the right to accept/reject any and all bids. Send sealed bids to Argentine Township Clerk 9048 Silver Lake Road Linden MI 48451. Bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. April 26, 2019.

TYRONE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS HELD MARCH 26, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M.

1. Present: Supervisor Mike Cunningham, Clerk Marcella Husted, Treasurer Jennifer Eden, Trustees David Walker, Al Pool, Soren Pedersen, and Chuck Schultz.
2. Approved the agenda as presented; approved the consent agenda as presented.
3. Received and placed on file Communications #1-5 as presented.
4. Kevin Wilks of Spicer Engineering gave a presentation in which he analyzed new township building vs. renovation options.
5. Approved the site plan and Special Land Use permit request of The Rock Church.
6. Approved the request of Cider Mill Crossings to amend the existing consent judgment to convert their emergency entrance/exit to a full-time entrance/exit.
7. Authorized Spicer Engineering to prepare the bid estimate and act as project manager for the new building renovations.
8. Approved the final 2018-2019 fiscal year budget amendments by fund.
9. Approved the fire service agreement with Fenton Township.
10. Approved the Comcast Franchise Agreement.
11. Approved the Livingston County Sheriff 2019-2022 Contract.
12. Approved the renewal of the property and casualty insurance policy.
13. Authorized the purchase of required 4G modems for election equipment.
14. Established the 2019-2020 salary of the Supervisor at \$44,290.00.
15. Established the 2019-2020 salary of the Clerk at \$44,290.
16. Established the 2019-2020 salary of the Treasurer at \$44,290.
17. Established the 2019-2020 salary of Trustees at \$205.82 per meeting attended.
18. Adopted the General Appropriation Measure Resolution.
19. Adopted the Headlee Operating Tax Millage Rate Resolution.
20. Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Marcella Husted, Tyrone Township Clerk

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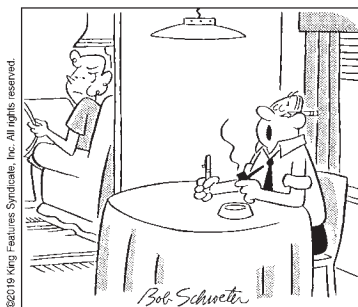
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City of Fenton

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING HOLLY TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

The Holly Township Library Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed library budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 at the Holly Township Library located at 1116 N. Saginaw Street, Holly, Michigan 48442 on Tuesday April 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

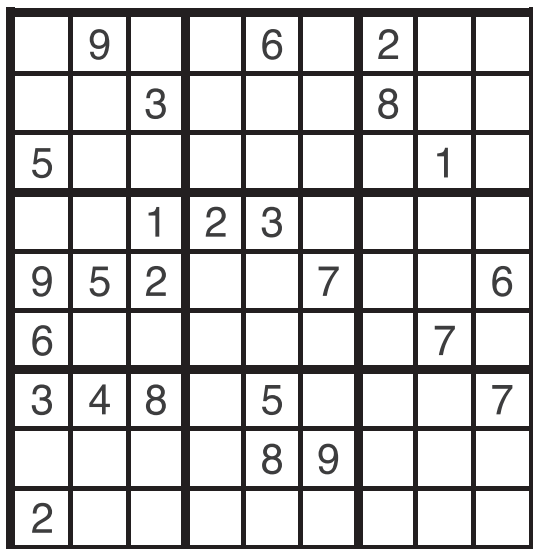
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ACROSS

- 1 Cut, as film
5 "— I lie?"
10 Grows dim
15 Opera parts
19 Major — (butler)
20 Region of old Greece
21 Fictional belle Scarlett
22 Tales of old
23 One stealing a serpent?
25 Houses, to Hernando
26 Came to rest
27 Aid in antiquing
28 Escort a wild canine?
31 Slender, like stags tend to be?
35 Suit jacket
36 35mm camera inits.
37 Wimple wearers
38 King Kong and others
39 Caucus state
42 "Capeesh?"
44 Golf prop
45 Glass rims
46 Grizzly who's a country music star?
48 Battery part
49 Vital artery
50 Norse deity
51 Of the eyes

- 54 Verdi opera
56 Vim
58 Terminate
62 Choice between an impish practical joke and an aquarium fish?
66 Boomer's son, say
68 Sequoia, e.g.
69 Gobbling fowl
70 Show open disdain for
72 Neighbor of Kenya
75 Butyl ender
76 Feline sign
78 Young sheep from an ancient Palestinian region?
80 Varnish stuff
83 Antelope of Africa
85 Went lower
86 French novelist Jules
87 Octa- plus two
89 Belie
92 \$5 bills, informally
94 Pinniped pedestrian?
98 Certain Fed
99 K-12 org.
102 Mrs. monster

- 103 Make at work
104 Singer Andy
105 Outward appearance
106 — hunch
107 Tiny, to tots
109 Steed native to the Garden State?
112 The absolute best
burrowing rodent?
116 "I smell —!" ("This is fishy!")
117 Thus
118 Gymnast Comaneci
119 Gratitude expressed by a chatty bird?
124 Retail (for)
125 Wicked things
126 Innately know
127 — Tzu (dog)
128 Sequoia, e.g.
129 Chief belief
130 Trample
131 Totally fill

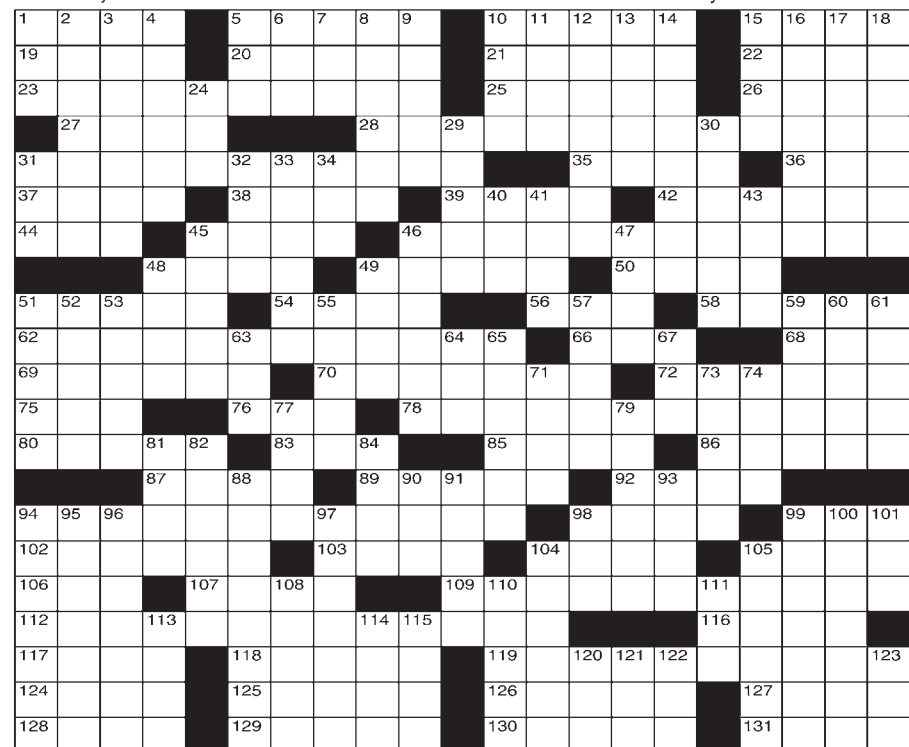
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- 1 Mag staffers
2 Phil who had a talk show
3 Conceive of
4 Coin substitutes

- 5 Jokester
6 "Nice one!"
7 Octa- minus seven
8 Feudal superiors
9 "Platoon" actor Willem
10 Points where rays meet
11 At the drop of —
12 Windshield-attached recorder
13 Muse of hymns
14 Glided down the runway
15 "There oughta be —!"
16 Huge statues
17 Singer doing a vocal quaver
18 Emancipate
24 Time period of interest
29 More twisted, as humor
30 Running shoe brand
31 Blasting material
32 Go by sea
33 Materialize
34 — Moines, Iowa
40 Granola bar bit

- 41 End a shoot
43 — Reader (magazine)
45 "Willard" actress Sondra
46 Moored ship used as lodging
47 Get by
48 Opt for
49 Yemen port
51 Ferret cousin
52 Pare down
53 Car's four
55 "Let's do this thing!"
57 Praise highly
59 Seven-Emmy Ed
60 Neighbor of Ethiopia
61 Get by
63 Popeye's Olive
64 Stephen of "Still Crazy"
65 Amount that can be carried
67 Hairpiece, slangily
71 Help in a bad deed
73 Accepted fact
74 Toby brews
77 The same, to Henri
79 Served in blazing brandy

- 81 Notion, to Henri
82 Reporter, colloquially
84 — Major
88 Musical clicker
90 Always, in sonnets
91 Bluegrass instrument
93 Wee toddler
94 Most quickly
95 Cold-shoulder giver
96 Make dirty by trailing through mud
97 Entered, as data
98 Mil. enlistees
99 Nasty fish
100 Diagnostic package
101 Hex- follower
104 Less cheery, to a Brit
105 Boggy tract
108 Barrel slat
110 "Nightmare" film setting: Abbr.
111 "So there!"
113 Part in a play
114 Really peeve
115 Gigantic
120 Rome-to-Vienna dir.
121 Slow — snail
122 Politico Cruz
123 That vessel



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Joyce Glass

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Perry Ray Green
1952-2019

Perry Ray Green - age 66, of Holly, died Wednesday, March 27, 2019. He was born in Flint on June 10, 1952 to the late Alvin and Delores (Baron) Green. He was an outdoorsman, enjoyed hunting, fishing, and being in the woods. He especially loved his family. He was the loving father of Alvin Green and Amanda Green; loving grandfather of Cesilee, Alex, Michaela, Marco, and Quinn; and loving brother of 13 siblings. Visitation will be held from 2-7 PM Saturday, April 6, 2019 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

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Elizabeth "Betty" F. Bontekoe
1923-2019

Elizabeth "Betty" F. Bontekoe - age 96, of Linden, died March 27, 2019. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Saturday, March 30, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Burial will follow in Sharp Cemetery. Visitation was held 5-8 PM Friday, March 29, 2019 and from 10 AM until the time of service Saturday. Those desiring may make contributions to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Betty was born January 13, 1923 in Linden, the daughter of Max L. and Marian (Burnell) Johnston. She is survived by her children, Stephen (Alice) Bontekoe, Faye (Dale) Fredin, Jane (Chet) Rogalski; eight grandchildren, Scott (Liz), Eric (Kim), Katrina, Jacob (Betsy), Dennis (Carol), Lars (Daniella), Margaret (Mike) and Micah; 16 great-grandchildren, Jack, Emily, Faye, Calvin, Zachary, Abigail, Hannah, Sarah, Matthew, Alex, Alyssa, Analiese, Ayla, Harrison, Maxwell and Westley. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jacob; granddaughters, Marian, Sara and Anna Lisa; sister, Maxine Stewart; brothers, Garry and Arnold Johnston. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Richard Bruce "Dick" Graham

Richard Bruce "Dick" Graham - passed away on March 5, 2019 in Winter Haven, FL. He was born in Fenton and was a 1953 graduate of Fenton High School. He lived in California for many years. Upon retirement, he and his wife, Carole moved to Florida. He is survived by his wife, Carole; four children; a step-son and grandchildren; brother, Gerald (Joan); sister, Sharon (Jim). He was preceded in death by his parents, Cora and Henderson Graham; brother, Bob. A memorial service will be held on April 13, 2019 in Simi, California.


Stephanie Lynn Sackrider
1974-2019

Stephanie Lynn Sackrider - age 44, of Fenton, formerly of Davison passed away, Monday, March 25, 2019. Funeral services will be 11 AM Tuesday April 2, 2019 at Pilgrim Lutheran Church 3222 S. Genesee Rd., Burton. Pastor Daniel Wonderly officiating. Visitation 2-8 PM Monday, April 1, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton; and 10 AM until the time of service Tuesday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions would be appreciated to the College Funds for Kailee and Logan Sackrider. Stephanie was born May 22, 1974 in Flint, the daughter of Wayne and Karen (Beasinger) Allis. She married Jeffrey C. Sackrider in Burton on October 11, 2003. Stephanie graduated from Davison High School in 1992 and later Ross Medical Center. She was employed as a medical biller with Joyful Pediatrics. She was a long time member of Pilgrim Lutheran Church. Stephanie "loved life" and was a "rock" for her family! She especially enjoyed spending time with Jeff and her children at their cabin in Atlanta. Surviving are: her husband, Jeff; children, Kailee and Logan; parents, Wayne and Karen Allis; sisters, Chandra (Justin) Tinker and Jenna (Zachary) Landers; mother-in-law, Margaret Sackrider; sister-in-law, Ann Sackrider; brother-in-law, Mike (Christine) Sackrider; nieces and nephews, David and Daniel; Lea, Addison, and Adam; Kiera and Kaleb; many special aunts, uncles, and cousins. Stephanie was preceded in death by her grandparents and father-in-law, Charles Sackrider. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


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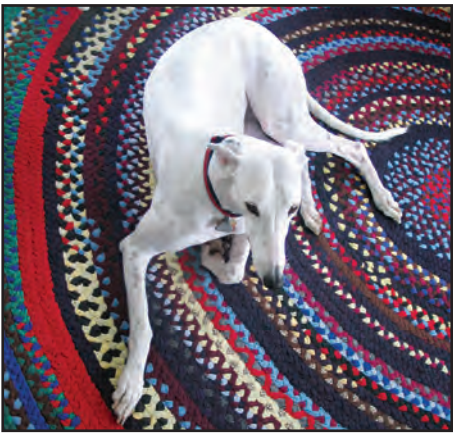
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- **Racing greyhounds aren't predators;** many just love to chase things. As The Greyhound Project notes, retired racing greyhounds have been trained to chase lures. That love of the chase may lead some to believe greyhounds are natural predators, but that's not the case. Many greyhounds just love to run, and some retired racing greyhounds really love to run. However, when they're no longer racing and have fully adapted to a new home, many greyhounds become disinterested in chasing.
- **Greyhounds are very fast.** Some retired racing greyhounds can hit speeds as high as 45 miles per hour. While they only achieve such speeds for very short periods of time, that's still pretty fast.
- **Retired racing greyhounds are people-friendly.** Despite what their love of running may suggest, retired racing greyhounds are very sociable and typically get along great with both adults and children. Many retired racing greyhounds have been handled by trainers, dog walkers, veterinarians, and others since they were very young. That exposure to humans has made them very sociable.



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- **Some retired racing greyhounds may exhibit behaviors typical of puppies.** The Greyhound Project notes that, thanks to their early training, retired racing greyhounds have never been without the company of other greyhounds. As a result, when spending time alone for the first time in their lives, retired greyhounds may make up for lost time as a puppy by exhibiting puppy-like behaviors such as chewing. This need not cause alarm in new greyhound parents, as the dogs typically outgrow the behavior very quickly.
- **Retired racing greyhounds may need to be trained, but they're willing to learn.** Sitting, climbing stairs and even playing games can be foreign concepts to retired racing greyhounds. That's because their training focused on racing and little else. But with time, greyhounds, who typically express a willingness to learn and please their owners, can learn these tasks.

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Orange Pineapple Nice Cream Pops

5-ingredient
Banana Ice Cream

Orange Pineapple Nice Cream Pops are an easy, no-fuss banana ice cream dessert. They're made with just five ingredients and taste like orange pineapple ice cream!



Recipe courtesy of: www.crumbtobaking.com Author: Leanne
Total Time: 10 minutes (plus time to freeze) Yield: 6 popsicles

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 large bananas, sliced and unfrozen
- 1 cup chopped pineapple, unfrozen
- 1/4 cup Barlean's Seriously Delicious Total Omega Orange Crème

TOPPINGS: Melted white chocolate, crushed pistachios (raw)

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. The melted chocolate and crushed pistachios are totally optional, but I always like to dress up my nice cream pops for a fancy dessert!
2. If you want to keep these nice cream pops dairy-free, forego the melted white chocolate, or use a dairy-free dark chocolate.
3. I used 3-ounce popsicle molds for this recipe, which resulted in 6 pops. You will get more or less depending on the size of your popsicle molds.



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