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Sunken treasure: Lost wallet surfaces in Lake Fenton

Local woman shocked that her Coach wallet is still intact with cash, contents one year later

By Sally Rummel

This may be the deepest lost-and-found story you've ever heard.

Jennifer Tremaine of Fenton Township was putting the boat cover on her pontoon near the Fenton Moose Club last July 2018, when she set her upscale Coach brand wallet on top of the pontoon.

The next thing she knew, the wind knocked her wallet off the boat and into the water. Inside her wallet was about \$300 in cash, all her credit

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Jennifer Tremaine's Coach wallet was still intact — and so were its contents — after spending the last year submerged in Lake Fenton. Submitted photo

Unauthorized bridge installed on Lobdell Lake



This drone photo captures the placement of a new bridge from Whitehead Drive to Turtle Island on Lobdell Lake in Argentine Township. Photo: Fred Moses

■ Owner did not apply for permits; structure includes drawbridge

By Hannah Ball

Argentine Twp.—On Lobdell Lake, to the dismay of neighbors and officials, a long and approximate 10-foot-wide bridge now connects Turtle Island to Whitehead Drive.

The structure, which lays atop the water, weeds and wetlands, prevents boaters from driving completely around

the small island. One section of the bridge includes a drawbridge, but the placement would force boaters to drive through wetlands to use it.

Theowner of the bridge and connecting properties, Brett DeGayner, did not apply for a permit from township or state officials to install the bridge. DeGayner uses the property on Turtle Island as

a VRBO, which stands for vacation rentals by owners.

"He never applied for a permit from the township to do any alterations to the shoreline," said Argentine Township Supervisor Brian Saad.

Saad went out to the property on Whitehead Drive last week to tell

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LA big thank you to the city of Fenton employees and the police department for working

so hard. On a day that most people have off, they were out there bright and early making sure everything went well. Much appreciated; you all are awesome."



44 The Just Sayin' column this past weekend was outstanding. You com-

pletely changed my mind about skateboarders. And your message about being a welcoming place for young people was excellent."



LETHANK YOUto the people in the Fourth of July parade who were reenacting the

raising of the flag on Iwa Jima statue. It brought tears to my eyes. It was the best part of the entire parade."



Fenton officials form Construction Board of Appeals

■ Members are licensed and represent the building trades

By Vera Hogan

The Fenton City Council voted Monday, July 8 to convene a Construction Board of Appeals.

According to Building and Zoning Administrator Mike Reilly in a memo to City Manager Lynn Markland, "Upon review and consultation with the city clerk, it is apparent that a formal, approved Construction Board of Appeals was never established."

The former members of the now inactive Building Board of Appeals are no longer eligible to serve in this capacity on the new board.

An appeals board is required to provide an aggrieved party a forum to which they can appeal a decision of interpretation.

The State Construction Codes require the formation of an appeals board with members who are qualified by licensure or experience, Reilly said. Based on their expertise, Reilly recommended the mayor appoint the following members:

Three-year terms

- **Kevin Johnson** (general contractor) of Rhoades & Johnson Construction in Fenton
- James Wait (electrical contractor) of Craftsman Electric in Fenton

Two-year terms

- **Nicholas Will** (residential builder) of Trademark Building in Fenton
- James Rolls (plumbing/mechanical contractor) of LJ Rolls Heating/Plumbing in Fenton

One-year term

• **Brad Alvord** (architect) of Lindhout Associates Architects of Fenton

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GUEST

VIEWPOINT

By Shelly Day, executive director of the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce and Pat Lockwood, Fenton Freedom Festival chairperson

Veterans, PTSD and fireworks

We are truly grateful to our veterans who have served and sacrificed to preserve the freedoms that we celebrate on Independence Day. We wholeheartedly acknowledge the challenges some of our veterans face as a result of post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). In response to a letter to the editor in the July 3, Tri-County Times, the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce and Fenton Freedom Festival Committee offer clarification on the issue of the veterans' PTSD and fireworks:

- The Chamber did not turn down a request for a "safe place" for veterans to locate during the fireworks but as a member of the Freedom Festival Committee, turned the request over to the committee for discussion.
- The Fenton Freedom Festival Committee, chaired by Pat Lockwood, contacted the State of Michigan Veterans Affairs department and was informed that there are 10 state parks throughout Michigan through a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) program and are fireworks-free including one in Livingston County, Brighton State Park.
- The Genesee County Veterans Affairs relayed to Ms. Lockwood that PTSD is an extremely serious issue for veterans and advised veterans to contact their local veterans organizations for further discussion on this issue.
- The Fenton Freedom Festival has celebrated the freedom of our country for the past 29 years through this festival. It is not a Chamber event but is sponsored by our civic and non-profit organizations through the help of our business community and the Chamber of Commerce. As an example, this year we were able to provide a quiet zone at the beginning of the parade for families with special needs.
- The committee encourages active participation and welcomes input from the public to ensure that this is a successful and enjoyable event for all.



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Tri-county eateries embrace live music

■Blues, acoustic classic rock and '90s cover bands on the menu for dining and listening

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Phil Canup

Beale St. Smokehouse BBQ co-owner

By Tim Jagielo

Fenton — The Sean Caldwell Trio finished their Beatles cover of "A Day in the Life" to a smattering of applause at The Fenton Hotel Tavern & Grille on Friday, July 5.

Because it was the day after the Fourth of July holiday, it was a sparse night for restaurants and bars. Still, area establishments didn't abandon

a popular weekend tradition — free live music.

Severalarearestaurants have live music Friday and Saturday nights. Usually they're acoustic acts, utilizing acoustic guitars with bass and vocals. Sometimes a full band with a drum kit is squeezed onto a stage,

bringing a presence that only live drums can.

While it was a slow night for the Fenton Hotel Tavern & Grille, owner Nick Sorise said live music just makes good business sense. "A lot of people come in for the entertainment," he said. "Plus you get the late night walk-ins just for

cocktails. So it's to generate business."

He offers live music Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

Sorise has owned the restaurant with his wife, Peggy, since 1997. He's seen the tastes of his guests change over the years. Primarily he'll book acoustic classic rock, but 10 years ago he'd book jazz or '60s music.

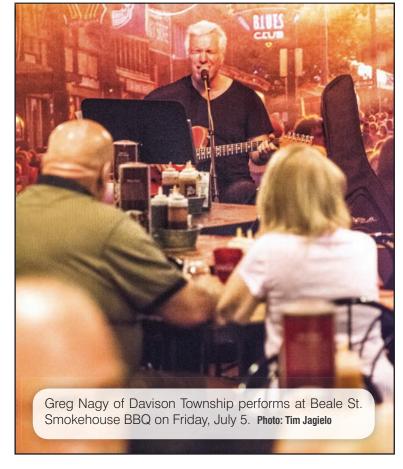
"The crowd has changed and you have to change with it," he said.

Beale Street Smokehouse BBQ co-owner Phil Canup is passionate about the live acts he books. He said he books 20 bands on rotation.

"It's a business decision, but I enjoy the music and I enjoy the interaction with the band members," he said.

He's been booking blues, jazz and music that he describes as "roots rock," like Elvis or Jerry Lee Lewis, for eight years. "There hasn't been a Friday or Saturday night that we didn't have music," he said.

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Sharin' the spotlight Does anyone ever ask you about your name?

By Editor Sharon Stone

aving the same name as a famous (or infamous) movie actress has given me some giggles and raised eyebrows over the years. Having it brought to my

attention by anyone asking for my name used to happen much more often when my namesake was promoting a new movie. For the record, the actress is older than I am by just over three years. I'm assuming she is tall. I am not. She has blonde hair. I do not. She is wealthy. I am not. We have nothing in common except our name, which I acquired by taking my

in 1984.

One of the craziest incidents over the years took place in 1996 when my family was visiting my parents in Florida. This was just four years after her movie, Basic Instinct, hit the big screen. On our last day in Florida, we went golfing. On the course was my husband, Jeff, my dad, my oldest son, Brad and me. It was so hot that day, but the course was beautiful. After what I would call an unfortunate golf cart mishap where my legs got crunched between two golf carts, I seriously thought they were both broken and I fell to the ground into a pile of fire

husband's last name when we married

ants. I screamed out in pain, prompting a nearby homeowner to call 911.

I swear the entire fire department showed up to come to my aid. The emergency workers attempted to calm me to take all my vitals and personal information, including my name. You guessed it. Somehow my name was

> broadcast over dispatch. It must have been a slow news day because word spread that "Sharon Stone" was in a golf course accident and was being transported to an area hospital. When they loaded me into the ambulance, I remember asking the paramedic if my legs were broken. The pain was excruciating. He assured me they were fine, just badly

broken them I would have been in shock and he would have been driving and the more experienced paramedic would have been sitting with me. That was somewhat comforting.

We arrived at the hospital and as they wheeled me in. I could hear staff near me whispering that Sharon Stone was a patient that day. It seemed like I had more doctors than necessary come in just to check on me. Looking back, I think they were all a bit disappointed that I was just some mom visiting from Michigan.

While I was being fitted for some crutches and enduring a tetanus shot, my mom back at her house was fielding calls from the local TV station and newspaper. Oh, how news spreads.

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IN HIS FOURTH of July speech, President Trump was emotional, unifying, and patriotic. He said 'We share one home, one heart, and we are made by one almighty God.' He spoke of American accomplishments and exceptionalism and gave a tribute to our military.

KEEP YOUR HEAD down around First and Second streets and Andover Woods in Fenton. It's a fireworks war zone. Ridiculous.

HOW ABOUT FOLLOWING state law when it comes to fireworks? They are legal the day before, day of and day after a holiday. That's it. Any other time is simply rude. My dog and several animals are scared to death but people just don't care.

LINDEN STILL HAS not gotten the wakeup call on why students are leaving the district at a higher rate than surrounding districts. I'll spell it out for you: Academic downslide, entrenched substandard athletic coaches, and last but not least, out of control bullying. Wake up! We are overdue for a change.

U.S. WINS WOMEN'S World Cup on Megan Rapinoe's penalty, Rose Lavelle's clincher.

Have you ever lost anything? Compiled by Logan Shanafelt, intern

Sharon Stone



"I was tubing down a river and we stopped for a cookout. I ended up forgetting my sandals on shore. A year later, we went tubing again, and my sandals were right where I left them."

> -Kara Dill Grand Blanc



"One time somebody broke into my house and stole a bunch of stuff from me, including my car keys. When they left, they took my car. By the time I got it back, it had been through a police chase, and was totaled."

> -Ashley Hobbs Swartz Creek



"I once lost a ring my mother gave me. A year later, I had to park my car on the street. I saw something shiny on the pavement and it was my ring. It had been run over, but the gem was still intact so I had it 're-jeweled."

> -Vera Hogan Fenton



"One winter I lost my wallet in the deep snow, near where I parked my car. When the snow melted I found it again."



"I've lost my wallet twice and both times it's been returned to me. I have faith in humanity."

-Tim Jagielo

-David Troppens

Grand Blanc Township

Fenton

BRIDGE

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DeGayner that he cannot put the bridge in. But, DeGayner started to install it Monday, July 8.

Saad and other township officials, including Argentine Township police, brought him a stop work order on Monday, but the bridge was put in anyway.

"It doesn't look good for the lake. It doesn't look good for the township. We're hoping the DNR and DEQ can be persuasive enough with daily fines they're talking about using," Saad said.

DeGayner did not respond for a request for comment.

Christopher Clampitt, environmental quality analyst at the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE, formerly Department of Environmental Quality or DEQ), said EGLE has the authority to regulate structures in wetlands, lakes and streams under the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA).

Clampitt confirmed that DeGayner did

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Reilly provided council members with bylaws that were approved on April 26, 1995. Those bylaws indicate that a chairman and vice-chairman are to be chosen. The chairman will be charged with scheduling meetings and that all meetings will be open to the public. The membership will select which members they want to serve as chairman and vice chairman.

In addition to those required by law, the board may, at its discretion, hold public hearings when it decides that such hearings will be in be public interest.

As far as the petitioning process, a petitioner must submit his request to the city administration on the appropriate government forms. The board will then have 30 days to schedule a hearing before the Building Board of Appeals, which has been inactive for several years. A decision must be reached within 90 days of the submission date.

The city administration must submit to each board member, seven days in advance of a board meeting, the petition, the administration's findings and recommendations.

The bylaws may be amended by a twothirds vote of the entire membership of the newly named Construction Board of Appeals. not apply for a state permit.

"There are a few exemptions in statute, but the installation of most structures in, over, or under a wetland or the bed of a lake or stream requires a state permit. Violations of these laws can result in civil or criminal penalties," he said.

Under the NREPA, the violation could incur fines up to \$10,000 each day it exists if a judge allows the amount. Clampitt learned of this bridge in late June of this year, and an Argentine Township official contacted him. He was notified late Monday, July 8 that the bridge was being installed.

"We are just beginning our investigation of the matter and so have not made any decisions regarding the proper course of action under the NREPA," he said.



This black bridge, which is approximately 10-feet wide, spans the length of a channel between Turtle Island and property on Whitehead Drive, going over lily pads and other wetlands. **Photo: Hannah Ball**



Local Key Clubs pick up trash after parade

■ High school volunteers pick up garbage left on parade route after Fenton Freedom Festival

SUMMARY

Local volunteer

groups clean up

celebrations in

6 a.m.

the trash left behind

after Fourth of July

Fenton. Volunteers

started working and

By Logan Shanafelt

Fenton — On Friday July 5, the Fenton High School Key Club teamed with the Lake Fenton High School Key Club to pick up the garbage left behind

from the Fenton Freedom Festival, which took place the day before. Key Club is a high school group that focuses on volunteer work, through Kiwanis International.

Despite it being 6 a.m. when the student volunteers met, the group was ready to work. Volunteers were able to collect approximately 10 bags of garbage and

properly dispose of it. Many items collected included fireworks residue, water bottles, and an abundance of candy wrappers.

"Volunteering is my sport," said Karenna Mansour, president of the

Fenton High School Key Club. "Even though you don't always like your sport, you do it and will always love it after you are all done."

Not only did Key Club volunteers

participate in the cleanup, but but they also helped with parade route set-up. On July 4, volunteers met at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center to assemble barricades along the parade route, before any festivities started.

Lydia Podlesak, a member of Fenton High School's Key Club was happy to volunteer as much

as she could. "My favorite part of volunteering is getting to know the people I meet in the process. Also, I obtain a different perspective on the community and the people that do so much for it," she said.



Fenton senior Lydia Podlesak, 16, (center) volunteers with the Key Club along with Karenna Mansour, 17, (left) and Logan Shanafelt, 17, Friday morning, July 5 near the Silver Parkway VG's. Photo: Tim Jagielo

HOT LINE CONTINUED

CLEAN ENERGY IS working in other cities and leading to benefits for lowincome communities. If we demand a utility that is willing to make those investments in its neighborhoods, it will lower energy costs and create jobs.

JUST VOTED 'NO' for the sinking fund increase. Why? Some of those who have helped build and supported Fenton are being taxed into extinction. Until the state and city recognizes that senior citizens need lower taxes and the DDA charter is changed to permit funding for roads, etc., we will continue to vote 'no.'

TO THE NEWBIE boat owners. Boats don't have headlights. Those are docking lights and very annoying to everyone but you. You're showing your lack of experience driving with them on.







The minimum wage and sick time ballot proposal initiatives

On Nov. 6, 2018, Michigan voters approved three ballot proposals: 1) the Marijuana Legalization Initiative; 2) the Independent Redistricting Initiative and; 3) the Voting Policies in State Constitution Initiative.

There would have been two other ballot proposal initiatives with the first raising the state minimum wage and the second requiring employers to give employees paid sick time.

Instead, these initiatives were removed from voter consideration when the state legislature voted in September 2018 to enact both of them into law as state statutes.

Then something that had never happened before took place when in December 2018, during the same "session," the legislature amended the statutes.

The amendments reduced the previously enacted increases of the minimum wage, and changed and lowered the sick time benefits.

All of this was not without controversy and the Michigan Supreme Court has been asked by the state legislature to give a nonbinding Advisory Opinion as to the constitutionality of the legislature's actions under Michigan's Constitution. The court has agreed to consider the request.

The questions to be answered by the court, assuming it agrees to give an opinion, can be summed up as follows — can the legislature enact initiatives into law by statutes and then amend the statutes by a simple majority vote during the same legislative session?

There are conflicting Attorney General Opinions on this question with former Attorney General Frank Kelly finding in 1964 that it was not allowed and former Attorney General William Schuette finding in 2018 that it was.

Michigan's Constitution Article 2, Section 9 provides that the legislature may enact an initiative into law within 40 days after it was received (as was done here); reject it and allow the voters to decide; or reject it, propose its own measure, and allow the voters to consider both.

There is no specific language in the Constitution as to the legislature being allowed or prohibited from enacting subsequent statutory amendments in a factual scenario like this.

Twenty-one briefs have been filed for the court's review either supporting or objecting to the legislature's actions.

Oral arguments are scheduled to be heard July 17. With so much at stake this case will be closely watched by many interested parties especially business and labor.

WALLET

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cards, driver's license, and more.

"I immediately jumped into the mucky water in my clothes," Tremaine said. "I kept feeling around the bottom with my feet, to no avail."

Desperate to find her wallet, Tremaine went back to that same spot every single day for three weeks, but she came up empty every time. She told all her neighbors about her lost wallet, and finally went about the unpleasant task of cancelling all her credit cards and re-ordering a new driver's license.

Fast forward to Friday, July 5, a very busy weekend on area lakes, including Lake Fenton.

Tremaine received a phone call from a friend, who asked to remain anonymous. He had found her wallet bubbling up to the surface of Lake Fenton, at exactly the same spotithad been lost the year before. "Ithadn't moved 10 feet," Tremaine said. "Only now it was covered with crustaceans and little mussels and the wallet itself was all bloated."

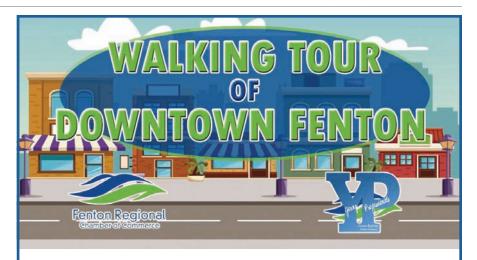
What surprised Tremaine the most

was that not only the cash was still intact, carefully protected by a still-working zipper, but that the wallet itself was in good shape. "The clasp of the wallet still works, and the \$3 I had in coins were all there," she said.

Tremaine said she is already spending the newly resurfaced money, which she never expected to see again. Her first order of business is to take her friend out to lunch as a thank you for retrieving her wallet. Then she plans to write a letter to Coach to tell them her story. "I don't want anything from them," she said. "I just want them to be proud of their quality."

Tremaine said she feels a little embarrassed by losing her wallet in the water in the first place, as an experienced mariner. "I've lost sunglasses in the lake numerous times," she said. "I shouldn't have put my wallet on the boat canopy in the first place. You can be sure I haven't done it again since."

She's also more cautious and grateful in all areas of her life since this incident. "It's a little unnerving to have all of your personal information 'out there' and you don't know where it is," Tremaine said. "I feel at peace that it was found."



Friday, July 12th 5:30 - 8:30pm

Join us as we visit downtown businesses during our walking tour of Fenton.

Event go-ers will visit participating businesses and receive a "stamp" on their card at each location. They will then turn in their card for a chance to win prizes.

The Young Professionals will set a timeline for this event, but participants may go at their own pace.

Participants must collect at least ten (10) stamps to enter drawing. Pick-up cards at Fenton Hotel. Turn in card to any of the participating businesses.

Thank you to the participating Downtown Businesses!!!





























Superintendent's contract extended

■ Lake Fenton school board gives Williams 'highly effective' job performance rating

By Sharon Stone

The Lake Fenton Board of Education voted in June to extend Superintendent Julie Williams' contract another three years, with an annual base pay of \$135,000.

She took over as superintendent in 2017 after Wayne Wright, the former superintendent, semi-retired. In June Wright accepted a one-year interim superintendent position with Goodrich schools.

Christopher Fletcher, president of the school board said, "On behalf of the board, Julie has a done a great job since she took the helm back in 2017.

"Her tenacity and passion for our Lake Fenton kids is evident in her leadership of the district. Under this leadership, we continue to see positive direction and financial stability.

"With the help of our community, we were able to pass a bond to upgrade our facilities of which Julie is tirelessly managing on top of her normal duties.

"We are very pleased with her performance as shown by her recent evaluation rating of 'highly effective.'"

Williams just finished her 20th year in the district. She said, "I feel so blessed to be leading such a great district and working with so many amazing people.

"We are planning for a flat enrollment again this year which is very good considering

the low birth rates in our area for the past five years."

Williams said one of her main goals



Julie Williams, who has been with Lake Fenton Community Schools for 20 years, accepted a three-year extension on her contract as superintendent. Times file photo

when she started as superintendent was to develop a culture of family. "I wanted

all staff and students to feel valued

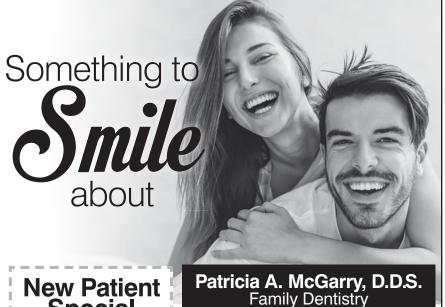
and appreciated and we are making great strides," she said.

The district has been working toward becoming a dynamic professional learning community where staff are working collaboratively to discuss student needs and instructional practice based on student data. "The work has been very good and we are looking forward to continuing to improve the educational opportunities at Lake Fenton," she said.

Williams added, "Lastly, we are defining what it means to 'BE a Blue Devil.' We are identifying a word for each letter in the word B.L.U.E.

"I absolutely love Lake Fenton and I am so grateful for the support

from our board and their belief in my leadership abilities. Proud to BE Blue!"



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IT WAS GREAT to read about Genusee Eyewear in Flint. Thank you Ali Rose VanOverbeke first for volunteering, then having the creativity and drive to get a start-up manufacturing company in Flint. We need more positive spotlights on what the town has going for it. Google, Amazon, and others where are you?

THE MOON DOESN'T stay in orbit around the Earth simply because of the Earth's gravitational force on the moon. The moon also has a gravitational force on the earth, as can be seen by the tides on large bodies of water.

LET'S GET SOME southern border terms correct. The people, migrants, arriving at the southern border are potential immigrants unless they cross the border, not adhering to United States laws. If they do, then they are illegals and like any criminal, they should be jailed.

WE ALL PAY taxes, but we don't all agree on how those dollars are spent. You don't like a portion of your taxes supporting women's health care? Boo hoo for your opinion, and keep it to yourself.

FANTASTIC LAKE FENTON fireworks. Thank you Case Island residents.

NEWS BRIEFS

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

Adopt-A-Pet to hold annual picnic

Adopt-A-Pet of Fenton is holding its 14th annual picnic fundraiser Saturday. July 13, from 3-10 p.m. The event will be held on-site at the shelter, 13575 N. Fenton Rd, and will help raise money to provide needed services for the hundreds of dogs and cats who enter their care. The picnic offers family oriented fun, complete with BBQ food and refreshments, kid's activities with a bounce house, beer tent and tours of the facility. New this vear is a Euchre tournament and Corn Hole tournament. Live entertainment including local bands will perform throughout the event. Fundraising activities include basket raffles and a silent auction. The event is open to the public and there is a minimum \$10 per person donation taken at the door. For more information call (810) 629-0723 or visit AdoptAPetFenton.com.

MUSIC

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Canup believes that the musicians do generate more sales volume because they also bring in their own fans.

On Friday he booked Greg Nagy of Davison Township, a full-time musician. While he was performing acoustic covers, he also produces original music. Nagy performs at other gigs with a full band as well.

He said in his experience, the bar band scene is "dried up," but restaurants still book people like him. "It keeps food on the table," he said.

Nagy said his median fee for performing for three hours is about \$300, with tips and food discounts included. He said his fee is a little higher due to his 26 years of experience and deep portfolio of albums and positive reviews. Travel time also factors into his rate.

Nagy said a show like his isn't like a concert where everyone is watching, nor is he strictly background music. The food is the main attraction, but he can help people stick around for a couple more drinks.

Reactions to his performance range from asking to be moved away from him when he's setting up, to a full tip jar and an entire room watching. "It's trying to engage the people without overwhelming them," he said.

The brand new Ponemah Lakeside Lodge featured a full '90s/2000s cover band, Shooter McGavin, on the same night. This band features members from Fenton and Linden.

In the muggy night air, they performed before a robust crowd, until singer Steve Jeffrey of Linden had to cut the four-set performance



Acoustic guitars are used frequently at local restaurant gigs. Photo: Tim Jagielo

short to rest his voice.

Lead guitar Dave Klink said he enjoys performing so close to home and he appreciates the opportunities to play.

A manager at the lodge said he's booked 10 different local musicians. While it creates a bit of a draw, the main attraction is the lake itself, along with the food and drinks.

The Sean Caldwell Trio performs at the Fenton Hotel Tavern & Grille on Friday. July 5. Photo: Tim Jagielo





Fenton's Herbstreit wins recent junior golf tournament title

By David Troppens

Brook Herbstreit spending a lot of her summer golfing.

The Fenton varsity girls golfer who has been a member of each of the last two Metro League championship squads.

has competed in 10 rounds ning the 36-hole junior pleased with her effort. of junior golf tournaments already this summer.

The two most memorable came at the College Fields July 6 and 7.

> Herbstreit carded an 85-84-169, win-

girls tournament. She ended up winning the tournament relatively easily, beating Rochester's Sophia tournament in Okemos on Ubaydi's 89-86-175 by six strokes. The event is part of the Calloway Junior Golf Tour. Herbstreit was

"It was a two-day tournament and the first day was so hot and humid it was unbelievable," Herbstreit said. "The course isn't that easy either. It's pretty hard."

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Brook Herbstreit



Ballard caps strong career at Grand Valley

By David Troppens

Madison Ballard may be the greatest tennis player to ever play at Fenton High School.

In fact, she is one of the best in Metro League history, considering the 2015 graduate is the league's only four-time No. 1 singles flight champion in the league's history.

But her tennis career didn't end at Fenton.

Ballard moved on to Grand Valley State University's squad where she quickly became one of the strongest players on her women's tennis squad. And she did it despite having to deal with her share of injuries.

She completed her senior season recently, being named the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's 2019 Midwest Region Senior Player of the Year. She collected the honor by earning first team All Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLI-

AC) status with an overall singles record of 17-7. She posted a 6-2 record as the team's No. 1 singles player, while recording a 9-4 mark at No. 2 singles. She went 18-8 in doubles matches. going 9-2 in No. 1 doubles matches, and helped the team to an 8-1 GLIAC dual meet record, which helped the Lakers earn a coconference championship. The

squad was 23-5 overall, earning a spot in the Division II NCAA Tournament. Ballard loved her time at Grand Valley.

"It was incredible," Ballard said.



Fenton graduate and Grand Valley State University student Madison Ballard just completed a successful four-year career with the Lakers' women's tennis team. Photo submitted

> "It makes me want to cry how great of an experience we had. Obviously, there • are some issues here and there, but * overall it was an experience with my on the air about a decade ago.

> > See BALLARD on 11

David's **Dabblings** Some thoughts about sports and others not dealing with sports at all

FIVE PETS I'D LOVE TO OWN

While working on today's paper, Hannah Ball made a declaration within the newsroom.

"It's Cow Appreciation Day." she

I'm a little shocked I didn't know that. In fact, I'm shocked my wife, Anna, didn't mention it when I went to work today either. We love cows. I think half of the reason why we vacation in Kentucky frequently is so we can see all the cows in the fields.

Cows are loval animals. When we lived in South Lyon, we'd frequently go to Kensington Park. The cows at the farm located there became so accustomed to us that all I would have to do is click my wedding ring on a fence rail and they'd generally come our way to get a good rubbing on their throat (most animals love being pet there). They'd burp but that was fine with us. A little bad gas in your direction is a worthy price to pay to make the cow happy.

Hannah's comment made me think about writing a column about some animals I'd love to have as a pet (at least in theory), but probably never will. Here are a few of them.

Meerkats: I loved the television show Meerkat Manor when the Animal Planet channel had it

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BALLARD

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best friends that I'm super grateful for."

Ballard spent most of this season bouncing between the No. 1 and No. 2 singles sand doubles spots. She had her success despite dealing with wrist brace. She hurt her wrist sometime during the fall portion of her senior season.

"In October, I felt something not right in my wrist," Ballard said. "I played the last six months with a wrist brace on. I had to learn how to hit a backhand again.

"Tennis does quite the number on you. You are using your whole body for 20-plus hours a week. It's rigorous and hard. You are always training during the summer and in the fall you play two straight months non-stop. You train over winter break and then in January you start up again and keep going until May. There's a lot of playing time."

Ballard had to work her way up the lineup. After finishing her Fenton career with a 95-8 singles record, the four-time high school state qualifier and two-time state semifinalist had to start at Grand Valley at the No. 6 singles position, but steadily improved to where she actually plays some No. 3 singles matches. She went 11-4 in dual matches and had a 15-4 record overall. She went 22-6 in doubles competitions, posting a 20-5 mark at No. 2 doubles.



Fenton resident Madison Ballard played at No. 1 singles and No. 2 singles during her senior season at Grand Valley State University. **Photo submitted**

She also had to deal with her first major injury during that season, dealing with a high ankle sprain. But in a lot of ways she had to treat it as a broken ankle.

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So much so, I own the entire series on DVD. It's not illegal to have meerkats as pets, but I get the feeling they'd probably spend half of their day burrowing into your couch cushions.

We have a photo of a couple of meerkats on our front door at home 'on alert.' If we ever get to the door and the meerkat photo is gone, we'll know not to open the door.

Donkey: Anna loves getting all sorts of calendars for our home every January. I insist on getting two — a cow and a donkey calendar. Anna used to volunteer time at a horse farm. They had a donkey named Ruthie. Anna had to bring a bag of baby carrots every time she worked otherwise Ruthie would squeal at her.

Large tortoise: It would be cool to be laying on the floor in the living room, doing some of my activities only to be interrupted by a huge tortoise nudging me in the back. And they'd be an awesome messaging system. If we had one, we could keep post-it notes on its shell so we'd make sure we saw each other's messages.

Skunk: We have skunks that live around our house. Skunks are pretty awesome looking creatures. We seemingly always have at least one roaming around with predominantly white fur, and it looks amazingly soft and clean. I love watching them rumble through the back yard. When you are outside, all you have to do is make a polite comment so they hear you and you'll be fine. We've never been sprayed. So, I guess in a way, we already have them as pets.

Tri-County Runner's Log

The tri-county area has a rich history of being an active running community. There are plenty of opportunities to compete in races during in the tri-county area.

Here is our runner's log to help those who want to run in some events, but also want to stay close to home while doing so.

Wednesday Night Races in the Park

The third of four installments of the cross country race begins today (July 10) with registration starting at 6 p.m. and the first races starting at 6:30 p.m.

The races cost \$2 a person or \$5 a family. There is a half-mile race(kids 10 and under), a one-mile race (kids 11 to adult), a two-mile race (all ages) and a three-mile race (all ages). The half-mile race starts at 6:30 p.m., the one-mile at 6:45 and the final two races at 7 p.m. The fourth event will be July 17.

Bastille Day Race

The Bastille Day Race 15K Run and 5K Run/Walk seemingly gets bigger every year.

Saturday's race begins at 7:45 a.m. and begins in downtown Fenton. Registration ranges from \$25 to \$35 depending on if you want a shirt.

Sgt. Patrick J. O'Rourke 5.5K and 1/4 Mile Family Hero Fun Run

Held at Hartland High School, the event is scheduled for Aug. 10 and begins at 8:55 a.m. The cost is \$27.50 including the sign up fee.

The quarter-mile fun run starts at 10:15 a.m. and has no race fee.

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THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT COMPLETED PETITIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR OR CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF FENTON IS TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2019 AT 4:00 PM. PETITIONS ARE DELIVERABLE TO THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 301 SOUTH LEROY STREET, FENTON, MICHIGAN 48430.

ANY INDIVIDUALS WHO WISH TO SEEK CONSIDERATION ON THE NOVEMBER 5, 2019 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT AS A CANDIDATE WILL NEED TO SUBMIT PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDING DOCUMENTATION BEFORE THE DEADLINE OF TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2019 AT 4:00 PM.

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Application for deferment of Summer Taxes are available at the Township Hall. Principal residents who are Senior citizens, paraplegics, quadriplegics, eligible serviceman, eligible veterans, eligible widows, blind persons or totally and permanently disabled, who can verify that their household income for the preceding calendar year did not exceed \$40,000.00, are eligible for Summer Tax Deferment until February 14, 2020. Also, Agricultural Real Property, if the gross receipt of agricultural or horticultural operations in the previous year or average gross receipts in the past 3 years are not less than your household income for the preceding year or the combined household incomes in the previous year, as per state requirements. These forms must be signed and returned to the Township Office not later than September 16, 2019.

If you have any questions, please call Gail Carpenter, Deputy Treasurer Groveland Township at (248) 634-4152

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -PAVING PROJECT FOR SILVER RIDGE SUBDIVISION 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 petitions of property owners within the township signed by the record owners of land whose frontage constitutes more than 50% of the total frontage of the proposed district, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton proposes to reconstruct all streets in the Silver Ridge subdivision, and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the District within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be constructed and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as follows:

All parcels of land in the plats of Silver Ridge No. 1, Silver Ridge No. 2 and Silver Ridge No. 3

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has received preliminary plans showing the improvements and an estimate of the costs of such construction in the approximate amount of \$1,300,000, has placed the same on file with the Township Clerk, and has passed a Resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make such improvement and to create the special assessment district. The Township Board has also tentatively found the petitions for the improvement to be in compliance with statutory requirements.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said plans, estimates of cost, proposed special assessment district and petitions may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk from the date of this Notice through the date of the public hearing and may be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing upon such petitions, plans, district and estimate of costs will be held at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan, commencing at 7:30 p.m. on Monday July 15, 2019.

At the hearing, the board will also consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters filed with the board at or before the hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments or changes to said plans, estimates, costs or special assessment district.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the hearing and to submit any comments they may have.

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ARIES Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, your ingenuity is ramped up and you can roll up your sleeves and get down to business this week. Avoid distractions by focusing on the details and not taking on too much.

TAURUS Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, arm yourself with information because you need to support your ideas with clear ways to get things done effectively. Only with information can you move forward.

GEMINI May 22/Jun 21

Time heals all wounds, Gemini. You may need some time to recover from some emotional wounds. Just be patient and you'll get back on track.

CANCER Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, teamwork may seem like the way to go to get an important job done. Do not hesitate to share your ideas and solicit others' thoughts

LEO Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, it is time to sort through your life, and that can begin with sorting through your belongings. Start to get rid of anything that you haven't used in the last year and move on.

VIRGO Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, honesty is the best policy, but you may need to approach a delicate situation with some discretion. Try to get your point across without coming across as abrasive.

LIBRA Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, you may need to do a little damage control between two people who are close to you. It can be challenging not taking sides when both are pressing for you to support them.

SCORPIO Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, overcome your fear of rocking the boat. Others need to hear your opinion, and your honesty will be appreciated and inspire

SAGITTARIUS Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, emphasize the importance of accountability to team members. Use yourself as an example, insisting that you will be held accountable just like everyone else.

CAPRICORN Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, if you are ready to put yourself out there in the name of love, a dynamic person could sweep you off your feet. A special date could have you contemplating a future together.

AQUARIUS Jan 21/Feb 18

Drama in your life may lead to some hectic times ahead, Aquarius. If you approach things with a calm head, then you can sail through the week relatively unscathed.

PISCES Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, a power struggle won't prove the headache you're anticipating it to be. Stay patient and listen to what others have to say.

Times **Obituaries**

Martin Joseph Kelly, Sr.

1927-2019 Martin Joseph Kelly, Sr. - age 91, of Linden, formerly of Pleasant Ridge, passed away Monday, July 8, 2019. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11



AM Friday, July 12, 2019 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. Fr. Ryan Riley celebrant. Mr. Kelly will be in state at the church from 10 AM until the time of Mass. Those desiring may make contributions to the Michigan State Athletic Dept. or ASPCA. Martin was born September 30, 1927 in Detroit, the son of James and Mae (Gallagher) Kelly. He played football at Michigan State University from 1947-1949. Mr. Kelly was the president of Leaseway Transportation and a restaurant entrepreneur. He was a devoted family man and will be missed by friends and family. He is survived by his children, Martin Jr., Terry, Kathleen and Colin; eight grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy and son, Kevin. Tributes may be shared at www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.





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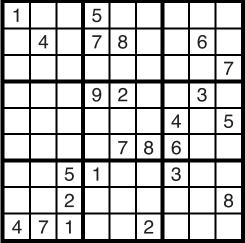
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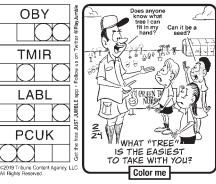
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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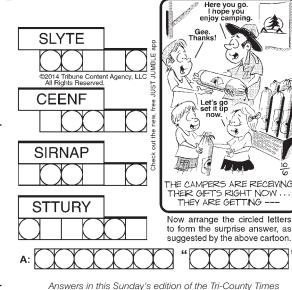
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