# After three years, jogger's killer is still at large

Parents are completely disheartened by lack of progress on case

#### **By Vera Hogan**

It has been three years.

Three years since Alexandra "Ally" Brueger was murdered while jogging on Fish Lake

#### Road in Rose Township. She was 31 years old at the time.

There have been no arrests. Michigan State Police are saying nothing about the case other than they are still investigating. It is unknown if there are any suspects.

F/Lt. Michael Shaw, public information officer with the Michigan State Police, had very See ALLY BRUEGER on 16 Ally Brueger is shown here in June of 2016. a month before she was murdered, on an outing to the zoo with nurse coworkers Amy Olinzock (left) and Nikki Law (right). Submitted photo



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### 'Walk of Honor' for local couple's grandson

■Troy Aldrich, 22, of Grand Blanc, becomes organ donor after fatal car crash

#### **By Sharon Stone**

The walk down the winding halls of the hospital on Monday, July 22 was



solemn, respectful, quiet and heartbreaking. The walk is called the Gift of Life Honor Walk and this recent one was for Troy Michael Aldrich, the 22-year-old

Troy Michael Aldrich

grandson of Argentine Township Clerk Denise Graves and her husband, former State





#### **G**Elmwood subdivision needs roads fixed

desperately. Promised two years ago and still not done. Patches on patches on patches. Really? Our roads need help.'



See story on Page 17. Photo: Tim Jagielo

cil who responds to a growing business with 'we need another ordinance' ought not be on city council."

Produce slowly coming in - Eddie Ballard, 16, helps Holly Parry of

Springfield Township with her order at the Fenton Farmers Market on Thursday.

July 25. Ballard works for Wolverton Produce, which reported having 75 percent

less available produce than usual due to the poor spring growing conditions.

#### **L**To my neighbors in downtown Linden. When you are done with your bonfires



ducing smoke and the smoke fills our home. Enjoy your bonfire, for sure, but please be respectful of others. Thanks."

### Six will seek a seat on Fenton City Council

■Long-time former council member challenges mayor for her seat

#### By Vera Hogan

The 4 p.m. July 23 deadline to turn in petitions to run for Fenton City Council has come and gone.

Those running for office include Mayor Sue Osborn, 71, who is seeking another two-year term. See FENTON CITY on 14



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Cheryl King

Sue Osborn



#### COMMENT OF THE WEEK

**G**Attended our first farmers market and concert in downtown Fenton. In addition to the beautiful weather, it was a great evening.

WEEKEND TIMES



# The summer buzz has begun

# Crickets, cicadas and katydids will chirp and buzz in late July and August

#### **By Sally Rummel**

Starting in late July, the sounds of summer will include insect chirps from familiar bugs in your yard.

The cicadas will offer their buzz during the day and the katydids chirp late at night. But it's the crickets that start sounding off in the late afternoon and evening.

The songs of these insects grow slower and slower as temperatures decrease, and they eventually fall silent by October. Unless you have trouble sleeping, enjoy the symphony while you can.

#### Crickets

A cricket's chirp isn't just for something to do; it's a mating call. Because crickets are nocturnal, they use sound to navigate the nighttime dating scene.

Male crickets create the chirp by rubbing their wings together, dragging one part of the wing along the ridges of the other. It's like the sound of fingernails clicking on a comb, but people can't hear it like that because the crickets click so fast. Instead, humans hear a chirp.

The chirping starts in late July when the crickets are old enough to mate. Crickets are born in the spring, mature in late summer and die in the fall.

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Turn off your lawn mower, shut off your phone and listen to the sounds of summer, which includes a chorus of insects in late July and August. **Photos: songsofinsects.com** 

# Does your vote really count?

■If history is any indicator, yes, yes it does

#### By Vera Hogan

Voters in the Fenton Area Public Schools district will head to the polls on Tuesday, Aug. 6 to decide on a sinking fund millage. School leaders are asking to increase the expiring (Dec. 31) 1 mill fund, to 2.25 mills for the next 10 years.

Does your vote count? If local and national history is any indicator — yes it does.

# Lost by five votes; third time was a charm

On March 29, 1999, voters in the Lake Fenton Community Schools district were asked to vote on a \$39.47 million bond. Taxpayers were asked to approve 7 mills for a period of 25 years. The bond would have included the construction of **See VOTE on 20** 



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Mark Rummel

# Mark my words

# Pennies on the dollar

everal readers have shared their thoughts about my recent column, which discussed "How much profit is the right amount?" in business today. Some believe stores should just raise prices to make more money and become more profitable.

That's a nice thought, but it usually isn't that simple in U.S. commerce these days. Every type of business has competitors, and those foes will find a way to undercut your plans as they constantly try to steal your profits. That national average of a 10-percent net profit margin in business requires owners to make zero - or very few - mistakes, if they are to succeed.

But, if you want to take the biggest business risk and truly "live on the edge" in American commerce today, go into the grocery business. The national average grocery store profit is 2 percent - or 2 cents of every dollar spent.

Put another way, every time a customer spends \$100 for groceries, the store gets to keep \$2 after paying all the bills. That's all. How on earth can a store ever make money, with such a small profit margin?

The answer for grocery stores is volume. They make their money by doing

#### By Mark Rummel

massive amounts of business. and taking in many dollars, just so they can keep a few.

As the website chron. com points out, grocery stores may not make much on any one item, but it's the rare shopper who only buys

one item. That's why stores provide big shopping carts for their customers, along with smaller carts. If they can sell you 20 items or more, they will make lots more profit than if you had only bought one item on that shopping trip.

This doesn't mean that a store pays its supplier 98 cents for a can of soup and sells it to you for \$1, because there are many other expenses in between those two prices. The owners had to construct a large building, heat it in winter and cool it in summer, pay taxes and maintenance

on it and keep that big parking lot out front paved and safe for customers (plus, pay property taxes on all that land, too).

Refrigeration and freezer space is required 24 hours every day, good advertising is needed, plus each store's light bill is massive. And, don't forget all the cash registers

and computers - plus smiling, helpful employees who must be hired to work all kinds of schedules, usually across long hours seven days every week.

All that to make a 2-cent profit on every dollar you spend. While it's a challenge, the food store business succeeds because everybody has to eat. And grocery stores want to get their own two cents' worth of your business, every time you shop.

Opinions offered in this column are the author's alone and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Tri-County Times or its staff. Email Mark Rummel at news@tctimes.com.





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WHAT KIND OF role model do we parents like to see in the White House? I want to see a proud American. God bless Trump.

**GOVERNMENT CANDIDATE'S GENDER**, race, or speaking abilities do not matter, unless you're a Democrat. Then gender, race and sexual identity are the only characteristics that matter.

**INSTEAD OF WORRYING** about what you cannot control, shift your energy to what you can create. 

HEALTH CARE IS not a human right.

# What age do you feel like?

Compiled by Logan Shanafelt, intern



"I feel like I am in my early 20s. I work anywhere from four to six days a week. I am always on the move, plus I do not have the ability to get much sleep."

Payton Ezell Linden



"My inner-self is probably like a middle-aged man. I am single, I work almost 40 hours a week and I pay all of my own bills."

> **Chase Violette** Linden



"I feel like I am my age, 19. I am a college student that has goals I am still achieving, and I still live with my parents."

**Hannah Sabourin** 

Flint Township



"I really feel ageless. At most times I am way more mature than most people my age, and sometimes I like to have fun."

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# street talk



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AS A DEMOCRAT citizen, I would like to respond to the person who called us out. No Democratic candidates support open borders. They support technology that can see through trucks to arrest coyotes bringing illegals and drugs. They support more personnel to handle asylum requests They do not support separating children from moms.

# Digital map of river available online

■ 'We've seen an increase of paddlers from outside the region over the past several years ...'

#### By Hannah Ball

The digital map of the Shiawassee River is almost complete.

As of last week, nearly all 88 miles of the popular state water trail is available to see online at terrain360.com. It can also be accessed from a smartphone.

#### **4** It will be incumbent upon us to take care of the Shiawassee River for the next several generations. **77**

**David Lossing** Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition chair

# Scott's Painting puts the 'pro' in professional

Local painter invites you to experience the difference of quality workmanship

#### **By Sally Rummel**

Just about any do-it-yourselfer can pick up a paint brush, a can of paint and paint a simple room.

However, the end result may not provide the professional edge you were hoping for when you took on this DIY project.

The difference between "just a paint job" and a quality professional finish is the 30 years of experience that local painter Scott Constable puts into each residential and commercial job.

His painting company, Scott's Painting, is well-known throughout the

southern Genesee and north Oakland counties —his prime market areas. Constable specializes in residential interior and exterior painting, but also paints for many local commercial businesses.

"Whatever painting job you need to have done, I have the experience, expertise and materials to do the work," he said.

Constable's professionalism starts with all the details. This includes his close attention to the surface preparation work

surface preparation work, which is the foundation of every quality paint job.

"I'm a one-stop paint shop," Constable said. "Whatever is underneath the paint that needs repair, I start with



that, whether it's replacing rotted wood, damaged drywall or removing wallpaper."

He understands the importance of

this prep work, which will prevent peeling and allow the paint job to last longer. Aquality prepped surface will provide a great surface for the topcoat of paint.

He always uses quality paint products to complete the job and is a fan of the Ultra line of Behr Paints from The Home Depot. "I'm good with color and design and can help you make some of these decisions, if you'd like a profes-

sional opinion."

He also prides himself on providing perfect lines in hard-to-reach surfaces like ceilings, corners and trim. "I laser my lines in," he said. "It's a perfect line every time. You won't have to paint again for 10 to 12 years."

A quality paint job makes a huge difference in the look and feel of your home, office space or building. It's the most affordable way to make a brand new first impression, whether you're looking to sell your home or update your interior or exterior look.

"It's not just a job for us; it's your home," said Constable, who leads a team of four professional painters. "I've got an incredible team. We all have the same values and skills to provide to our customers. We also keep a very organized and clean job site so your home is livable during the entire painting process. Experience the difference of quality workmanship by using our services."

During these busy summer vacation months, Constable invites you to call him at Scott's Painting, (248) 795-4303, for a free estimate. "Spring and summer are our busiest times of the year, but there's still time to get on the schedule and get the work done," he said. David Lossing, chair of the Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition, said, "The Shiawassee River is a beautiful, natural resource and the mapping project will allow for more residents and visitors to come explore and enjoy the river for decades to come. We've seen an increase of paddlers from outside the region over the past several years and I expect this will continue to grow. It will have a positive economic impact on our local businesses and those companies that cater to outdoor activities for individuals and families."

Ryan Crenshaw, a boat operator and waterways explorer with Terrain360, a company based in Richmond, Virginia, spent hours voyaging the Shiawassee River from Holly to Chesaning over the past few weeks in a small, modified pontoon boat.

In June, he said, "Hopefully it gives people a little more connection with their waterways. We have a lot of pollutants, general trash, that kind of stuff, and if you have a little more closer connection, you're hopefully a little more likely to take care of it."

Five DSLR cameras, which are mounted to the top of the boat, take photos of the river every 50-60 feet, getting a 360-degree view.

Crenshaw was back on the Shiawassee River on Monday, July 15 to complete the final two segments — Walnut Hills campground to Geeck Road Park and Duffield Road to Byron's Mill Pond.

"Those segments have not been uploaded yet. But overall, we have all 88 miles done," Lossing said. "We have some final information to add on each access point about amenities that are available to paddlers. It will be incumbent upon us to take care of the Shiawassee River for the next several generations."

The Shiawassee River project was funded by numerous water and recreation groups. Detroit-based Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments, Keepers of the Shiawassee River, Friends of the Shiawassee River, the Shiawassee County Parks and Recreation Commission, the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission and the Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Commission all contributed to funding.

Lossing said the project cost \$105 per mile, which adds up to \$9,240 for the 88 miles.

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# County can't claim immunity, Supreme Court affirms

■ 'We're talking millions of dollars' in lawsuit filed by Genesee County drain commissioner

#### By Hannah Ball

On Thursday, July 18, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled in favor of the Genesee County Drain Commissioner in alawsuit against Genesee County in a case involving unshared healthcare refunds.

Genesee County Drain Commissioner

Jeffrey Wright sued the county Oct. 24, 2011 claiming that Genesee County wrongfully kept refunds from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan meant for the plaintiffs. Instead, the county put the money into the county general fund.

Scott Fraim, attorney for the drain commissioner, said, "They did not tell the other two agencies there was a refund. We're talking millions of dollars."

Genesee County, the Drain Commis-

sion, and Genesee County Community Mental Health Agency entered into a group healthcare plan in 2001 to pay for healthcare for their employees. Each party paid the premium. The plaintiffs were unaware that, at the end of each year, Blue Cross would refund to the county how much the premiums exceeded the amount necessary to pay the claims and costs.

Because of the six-year statute of limitations and the lawsuit filed 2011, the drain commissioner could only recover damages that occurred after Oct. 24, 2005.

For each of the years in question, 2005 to 2008, Fraim said Blue Cross found a "substantial surplus." Because of this, Blue Cross sent refunds to Genesee County to be disseminated among the three groups.

Within that time frame, Blue Cross refunded these three parties more than \$5 million. The county deposited the money into its general fund instead of sharing the refund.

In 2008, the county decided to exit this healthcare plan. The Drain Commission hired a firm to help find new healthcare, which requested documents from Blue Cross.

"They got records from Blue Cross and found Blue Cross had been sending these large refund checks to the county each year," Fraim said. "They just happened to run across it."

Fraim said the involved parties' healthcare costs would have been lower if they received the refunds. The drain commissioner asked the county to share the appropriate amount with the other two involved parties.

"The country refused to share it so we were forced to file a lawsuit in an attempt to recover the drain commissioner's share," Fraim said.

The drain commissioner brought forth an unjust enrichment claim. Genesee County claimed it had governmental immunity, which in many cases prevents a body of government from being sued if the agency is in the exercise or discharge of a governmental function, and wanted the lawsuit dismissed.

The Genesee County Circuit Court rejected this, but claimed they had to adhere to the six-year statute of limitations. The county appealed. The Genesee County Court of Appeals also ruled in favor of the drain commissioner.

The county appealed to the Michigan Supreme Court and oral arguments were heard April 10. The court ruled earlier this month that the county cannot claim governmental immunity.

Appellate counsel Mary Massaron, with the law firm of Plunkett Cooney, said, "Since the filing of this case in 2011, there have been 24 plaintiffs and seven claims. Since that time, See GENESEE COUNTY on 10

### Dr. Juan Alvarado

# Fenton Vision Center remains committed to quality

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#### **By Alex Petrie**

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"We're also a walk-in red eye clinic and are always on call for eye emergencies. We are very accessible and also accept most medical insurances" said Dr. Alvarado. "We are a fully licensed medical facility and are accredited by most medical and vision insurance carriers to bill for medical problems like pink eye, metal in the eye, or whatever."

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"We put a lot of thought and care into everything we do, into every aspect of our practice."

Dr. Alvarado said, "We're not a chain, we don't have other locations. This is it. This is our only focus and our attention is exclusively here."

For more information about Fenton Vision Center, visit fentonvision.com. The practice is located at 212 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton Phone: (810)629-3070.

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### **Measures approved to reduce** electricity consumption

Doing so also will result in significant annual savings

#### By Vera Hogan

The Fenton City Council voted favorably Monday to accept a recommendation by Police Chief Jason Slater to enter into an agreement with Consumers Energy Small Business Trade Ally Program to convert all lighting devices with the police department and city hall buildings to LED.

Slater said he learned of the program earlier this spring, which allocates funding to replace fluorescent and incandescent lighting with high efficiency LED lighting in an effort to reduce energy consumption.

"I then requested an energy assessment be completed to determine if the police department and city hall buildings would benefit from this program," Slater said in a memo to

City Manager Lynn Markland.

The energy assessment was completed and the results indicated substantial energy savings once the conversion was complete.

The police department building assessment and proposal indicated that all 122 light bulbs (fluorescent/ incandescent) would be replaced with high efficiency lighting at a cost of \$5,146.93 for materials and labor.

"The Small Business program would cover 100 percent of these costs resulting in no charge to the city," Slater said. "This change is expected to reduce electrical consumption yearly by 34,312kWh (kilowatt-hour), with an annual savings of \$3,774.40."

The city hall assessment and proposal calls for replacing 141 fluorescent/incandescent light bulbs, interior and exterior, with high efficiency LED bulbs, resulting in a total project cost See ELECTRICITY on 13



the courts have dismissed 23 of the plaintiffs and five of the claims, leaving only one plaintiff with only two claims. The case will now proceed accordingly. Genesee County has no further comment on this pending litigation."

A few municipalities, including Fenton and Argentine townships, are named in the lawsuit to provide standing for monetary loss. These municipalities contract with the Drain Commission and pay users' fees

"As a purchaser of these services, they had to pay higher fees because the Drain Commission wasn't receiving refunds, and therefore, the health insurance pre-

miums were too high," Fraim said.

Thomas Broecker, Fenton Township operations manager/deputy clerk, said that the communities serviced by the Water & Waste Services Division of the Genesee County Drain Commissioner's office were made party to the lawsuit. He said it would be "hard" to say if this issue would have a significant impact on what residents pay for Drain Commission services. Even if the county gave the Drain Commis-

sion the refunds, it wouldn't necessarily translate to lower rates for residents.

It was not been decided if the county will have to pay the plaintiffs, nor has an amount been established.

Genesee County Clerk John Gleason said he doesn't know what's going to happen next with this issue.

"They're a very irresponsible and reckless commission. It's really an indication

about how incompetent the board is. They're very irresponsible with decision-making and public money. You shouldn't go to the Supreme Court. Then you're fighting too long," he said.



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# LOOKING BACK at this week in **HISTORY**

#### COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

#### **JULY 28**

**1976**: At 3:42 a.m., an earthquake measuring between 7.8 and 8.2 magnitude on the Richter scale flattens Tangshan, a Chinese industrial city with a population of about one million people. As almost everyone was asleep in their beds, instead of outside in the relative safety of the streets, the quake was especially costly in terms of human life. An estimated 242,000 people in Tangshan and surrounding areas were killed, making the earthquake one of the deadliest in recorded history.

#### **JULY 29**

**1967**: A fire on a United States Navy carrier stationed off the coast of Vietnam kills 134 service members. The deadly fire on the USS Forrestal began with the accidental launch of a rocket. On the morning of July 29, the ship was preparing to attack when a rocket from one of its own F-4 Phantom jet fighters was accidentally launched. The rocket streaked across the deck and hit a parked A-4 Skyhawk jet. The Skyhawk, which was waiting to take off, was piloted by John McCain, the future senator from Arizona.

#### JULY 30

**1974**: Under coercion from the U.S. Supreme Court, President Richard M. Nixon releases subpoenaed White House recordings, suspected to prove his guilt in the Watergate scandal, to special prosecutor Leon Jaworski. The same day, the House Judiciary Committee voted a third article of impeachment against the president: contempt of Congress in hindering the impeachment process. The previous two impeachment articles voted against Nixon by the committee were obstruction of justice and abuse of presidential powers.

#### JULY 31

**1715**: A hurricane strikes the east coast of Florida, sinking 10 Spanish treasure ships and killing nearly 1,000 people. All of the gold and silver onboard at the time would not be recovered until 250 years later.

#### AUG. 1

**1996**: Sprinter Michael Johnson breaks the world record in the 200 meters to win gold at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta. Three days earlier, Johnson had also won the 400 meters, making him the first man in history to win both events at the Olympics.

#### AUG. 2,

**1985**: Strong and sudden wind gusts cause a plane crash at the Dallas/Fort Worth Airport in Texas that kills 135 people. The rapid and unexpected formation of a super cell, an extremely

violent form of thunderstorm, led to the tragedy.

#### AUG. 3

**1958**: The U.S. nuclear submarine Nautilus accomplishes the first undersea voyage to the geographic North Pole. The world's first nuclear submarine, the Nautilus dived at Point Barrow, Alaska, and traveled nearly 1,000 miles under the Arctic ice cap to reach the top of the world. It then steamed on to Iceland, pioneering a new and shorter route from the Pacific to the Atlantic and Europe.

Source: history.com

#### HOT LINE CONTINUED

HEY REVISIONIST, NICE try. Central American chaos started with the widespread onset of Communist values throughout the region, all of which occurred under the cowardly, isolationist administration of President Carter. You can thank Reagan for peaceful and prosperous Panama, Costa Rica and Belize.

ANYTHING THAT COSTS you your peace is too expensive.



#### HOT LINE CONTINUED

**KNOW THIS: ALL** the race baiting, deceit and bullying that Democrats hate about President Trump are the core skills and ideology of their party. Democrats are hysterical simply because Trump is beating them at their own game.

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**REGARDING THE SCHOOL** fund. I wonder if the average person could sit on all that valuable land like the big hunk they have there on Hickory Ridge in Rose Township and ask for more money.

#### ORGAN DONOR Continued from Front Page

Rep. Joe Graves. Approximately 200 hospital workers stopped what they were doing to show their respects for Aldrich, his family and their sacrifice.

Aldrich died Friday, July 19 as a result of injuries he sustained in a car crash Saturday, July 13 in Petoskey. The Graves' daughter Lisa Carney kept the extended family updated through her Facebook page while the Graves rushed to fly up from Florida. Carney is a teacher in Davison and Aldrich was a graduate of Grand Blanc High School.

Carney said her son was a passenger in a one-vehicle crash and that he was ejected as the car traveled nearly 50 mph. He hit his left side on the gravel shoulder. The driver was not injured.

Aldrich's injuries were extensive and doctors and nurses worked around the clock at McLaren Northern Michigan in Petoskey while family and friends prayed.

His diagnosis fluctuated and seemed to improve at times, however, by July 17 Aldrich was beginning to have seizures. On July 19, the family prepared themselves for the worst as doctors could do nothing more. Aldrich was kept on life support after the family told doctors he would want to be an organ donor.

On July 20, while the family began his memorial and funeral arrangements, they learned that Aldrich would save at least five and up to seven lives through organ donation. The Gift of Life Honor Walk on July 22 gave his family the opportunity to say their final goodbyes knowing that he was saving others.

Carney said throughout her entire time since the accident, "God kept me going. I just stayed still and listened to his every move. I felt his guidance and voice telling me it would be okay and I would be okay. I prayed, listened to music, and read the Bible.

"The other thing that kept me going was my enormous support group. I work with 60,000 teachers mainly across the U.S. and Canada. I have not met any of them. Some are even in other countries. I'm an ESL (English as a second language) teacher online for children in China. They rallied together and each class donated to my gofundme. They sent encouraging messages and comments.

"My friends here at home did the same. When I struggled, I would look to Facebook and see all of the comments and love for my son, myself and my family. It was amazing and overwhelming to think that people I have never even met cared. And my close friends went above and beyond to make sure I was okay. I had about 20 family members and friends drive three hours north just to support me. It was truly amazing," she said.

Carney was not familiar with the honor walks but looked them up online to learn more. To her knowledge, this was the first one in northern Michigan.

Although she was humbled by the tribute, Carney said, "This is the last time I will touch his hand in this life. It's the last time I will feel his warmth. But I also know we will meet again."

To honor her son's legacy, she has vowed to become active with Gift of Life and bring more awareness to organ donation and to support others going through similar situations.

# A+ Angelo's keeps Flint legacy alive

# Family run operation upholds Coney tradition

#### By Alex Petrie

**Grand Blanc** — Angelo's Coney Island was founded in Flint 70 years ago and the name has become virtually synonymous with Genesee County.

Since then, however, the Coney chain has gone through significant changes, expanding beyond the Flint city limits and ultimately dwindling down to one remaining location in Grand Blanc.

Now, A+ Angelo's Coney Island & Family Restaurant carries the torch and the team doesn't take its name or its duties lightly. They hope to continue the grand tradition that was first established seven decades ago.

Owner Mary Ann Savage purchased the restaurant two years ago intent on upholding the tradition of family owned and operated Angelo's Coney Island restaurants.

"Most people my age are retiring, and I just wasn't ready for that. I wasn't ready to retire and call it a day," Savage said. "I was ready for a new adventure. As a kid, I would go to the Angelo's on Davison and Franklin with my family, and it was always a big deal. I really want to try to keep the big deal alive and have people come out for the food and the atmosphere. We work hard to keep the name and the feeling alive."

At one point, there were nearly 10 Angelo's located throughout Genesee County, and Savage says she remembers seeing them slowly close, one by one. She became determined to make sure she defended and maintained that legacy — one of a simpler time.

Everyone knows the feeling that Coney Island restaurants are able to elicit, along with the familiarity of the smells and the sounds of an open-air kitchen, and the



Erin Flowers and the restaurant's "mascot," Robert, make sure to and tradition of the Flint favorite alive and well. **Photo: Alex Petrie** feeling of biting into a Koegel's Vienna. "Josie is one of our e

Savage and her family now take great pride in being able to provide that to the families throughout Genesee County.

A+ Angelo's offers all those familiar feelings and dishes, using only fresh products and the original recipe from 1949. Along with daily specials and desserts, including 32 flavors of ice cream, A+ Angelo's also offers you the familiarity of a hometown, family run operation, with staff members that have been with Angelo's for more than 30 years.

Savage and her daughter, Kylee, Manager Erin Flowers and their 18 team members keep A+ Angelo's open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year — and they don't take their commitment to the Angelo's heritage lightly. Kylee is a full-time student at Grand Valley University however when she's home, she is the Assistant Manager at Angelo's.

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"Josie is one of our employees who's worked here more than 30 years, and her husband was actually one of the first employees at the original Angelo's," Savage said. "It's great to have her here, to have that kind of history. She came over from Croatia and actually learned English working here. She doesn't walk — she runs everywhere. She never stops. She's one of those workers who just never sits down. Our customers love her."

Savage and the team at A+ Angelo's also make it a point to give back to the community that supports them. The restaurant is part of the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce, and tries to give to charitable causes throughout the year.

"The last (location) besides us closed last December, so we're the very last one," Savage said. "This goes beyond us, you know. This is part of the history of Flint and Genesee County."

# Fenton hires new pavement marking contractor

#### An amount not to exceed \$35,000 is approved for the work

#### **Compiled By Vera Hogan**

The pavement markings in the city of Fenton will be brighter and easier to see in the near future now that the City Council has approved the repainting of those markings.

In a memo to City Manager Lynn Markland, outgoing Public Works Director Dan Czarnecki and Daniel Brisson, DPW deputy director, said a recent inspection of the city's long line and intersection pavement markings indicate several major streets are in need of repainting.

In 2016, the city spent \$10,961 in street markings and in 2017, it spent \$11,414.

No pavement marking work was performed in 2018 other than in-house cross walks on an as-needed basis plus all municipal parking lots.

The city's current contractor, M&M Pavement Markings of Grand Blanc only offers waterborne traffic paints. Drying time and durability of waterborne traffic paint is a concern as traffic volumes continue to increase on our city streets, Czarnecki and Brisson said.

PK Contracting in Troy is the largest pavement marking contractor in Michigan. They offer several grades of traffic paint to suit the needs of municipal road agencies. The company extended 2016 bid pricing to the city of Fenton as a new customer. As a result, the DPW asked that officials approve an amount



not to exceed \$35,000 for pavement markings. Long lines will be painted first and the balance of the approved amount will be used to paint intersection markings.

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# HOT LINE CONTINUED

**REGARDING THE COMMENT** of the week on DDA funding. The state of Michigan needs to end or revise the 1975 DDA enactment to stop municipalities from using tax funds for pet projects, 'because it's DDA funds' when the municipality cannot afford to maintain its primary infrastructure, roads, buildings, etc.

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I SHAKE MY head when I read people's comments on the Times Facebook page. Do people really not know the difference between Fenton Township and Fenton City? They are two totally separate government entities with different millages and assessments.

#### **ELECTRICITY** Continued from Page 10

of \$7,563.02, of which \$4,756.03 would be covered by the program.

"The city of Fenton would cover the remaining \$2,806.99," Slater said. "This equipment upgrade is expected to result in a yearly electrical reduction of 31,7907 kWh, with a yearly savings of \$3,487.77."

The return on investment or payback in number of years is calculated at 0.80, just over nine and a half months.

This will result in a cost of \$2,806.99 to the city of Fenton to convert all light in the city hall and police department buildings to efficient light with an annual combined savings of \$7,262.17.

Included is a five-year warranty for materials along with two years for labor.

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### **BUSINESS** BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

#### **Pawsitive Care - Affordable Pet Clinic opens in Holly**

Pawsitive Care - Affordable Pet Clinic is open in Holly with Dr. Ashley Hotchkiss, DVM. This new veterinary office supports a healthy pet community by offering general veterinary services at affordable prices. In order to keep prices low and affordable, they do not offer some services found at other animal hospitals, such as X-ravs and ultrasound. This eliminates the need for expensive equipment and inventory. There are no exam fees for a wellness visit that includes preventative health services. For minor illnesses, they offer a minor illness exam for \$40. The office is at 611 N. Saginaw St. Holly. Phone: (248) 587-PAWS (7297).



FENTON CITY

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perience in city government.

still holds almost 20 years later.

of 24 years.

She is being challenged by former

Councilwoman Cheryl King, 71. Both

mayoral candidates have extensive ex-

woman from 1986 through 1999, at which

time she was elected mayor, a position she

Council from 1989 to 1997, and again

from 1999 to 2015, a combined total

election. All three incumbents are

Osborn first served as a city council-

King served on the Fenton City

Three council seats are up for re-

Pat Lockwood Nancy Draves

# INCUMBENT







are **Pat Lockwood** (mayor pro-tem), 74, and councilwomen Nancy Draves, 78, and Cherie Smith, 68.

**FENTON CITY COUNCIL** 

THREE, 4-YEAR TERMS

Draves and Smith are completing their first four-year terms this year.

Lockwood has held various political offices for many years. From 1987 to 1988, she was on Fenton City Council. Lockwood served as the mayor from 1989 to 1998. From 1998 to 2002, she served the state representative, 51st District. In 2006, she ran for Genesee County County Commissioner for the 6th District and won. She was elected back to the Fenton City Council in November of 2011.

Three are seeking to unseat the incumbents. They are Brad Jacob, Sean Sage Damien Siwik

47, who served on the council for oneterm, from 2014 to 2017. He works as a machinist/machine builder for Filling Solutions in Byron.

Newcomers Sean Sage, 43, a senior project manager at Kirby Steel, and Damien Siwik, 52, an administrative coordinator for poverty solutions at U of M Ann Arbor, have never held political office in the city of Fenton, but both are involved in the community by serving on various boards and commissions.

Complete election coverage with interviews and more information from these candidates will be published in the Sunday, Oct. 20 Weekend edition of the Tri-County Times.







Cherie Smith

#### BUZZ Continued from Page 3

#### Cicadas

About this time of year, particularly on hot days late in the summer, you can hear male cicadas calling for females from high in the trees. They make their sound by vibrating a special membrane on their abdomens.

The sound of cicadas is quite distinctive and is the loudest of all insectproduced sounds.

After mating, females lay eggs in bark or twigs and the eggs hatch later in the season. They'll stay underground as long as from two to 17 years, emerging from the ground as nymphs.

Nymphs will find the nearest available tree and begin to shed their nymph exoskeleton. Then their wings will inflate with fluid and their brief adult life begins.

There is an oft-repeated legend that says when you hear the first song of dog day cicadas, it means there will be six weeks until frost.

"It's an old wives' tale," said Howard Russell, Michigan State University en-

#### What about fireflies?

Fireflies, often called lightning bugs, are most common in May, June and July at peak times from 7 to 10 p.m. Fireflies are



p.m. Fireflies are in the beetle family and use bio-luminescence during twilight to attract mates or pray.

#### **Interesting facts:**

Fireflies emit a "cold light," without infrared or ultraviolet frequencies

They have short life spans, only long enough to mate and lay eggs, so they may not need to eat during their adult life stage

Fireflies can be found all over the world

Fireflies are disappearing due to a reduction of habitat and light pollution, which interrupts firefly flash patterns

Source: Firefly.org

the morning. These large green insects

are more commonly heard than seen, re-

sembling a leaf and easily hidden within

song they sing in late summer. The

males sing in quick bursts of two, three

or four notes that make a sound like

on websites like The Songs of Insects,

which is part of musicofnature.com.

You can listen to the sounds of insects

Sources: Biokids.umich.edu,

Cicadiamania.com, MSUextension.com

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Katydids are named for the rhythmic

the upper crown of a hardwood tree.

tomologist. "You can expect probably

about the same number (of cicadas,

crickets) as usual, more in some places

predictor of frost and the coming of

winter, there is some merit to the claim,

if for no other reason than the timing

of their emergence to the changing of

Katydids are the last singers of the

day and they sing until the wee hours of

Fenton

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While this may not be an exact

than others."

the seasons.

**Katydids** 

Sunday, July 28, 2019 15

### HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHAT HISTORY BOOKS are your liberal readers are getting their 'facts' from. When Obama left office, the GNP was under 2 and Obama said it would never be above 3 again. It is now at 4 and still rising. All measures of a successful economy are showing a healthy economy. Liberals are just ignoring facts.

**IN TODAY'S SITUATION** I want neither Hillary nor 'The Don.'



ALLY BRUEGER

**Continued from Front Page** 

little to say about the case this

week. "Yes, this is still an active

case. Anyone with information

is asked to call the MSP tip line

iar roads she had been jogging

nearly every day for 10 years.

At approximately 2:30 p.m.

that day, someone snuffed the

life out of this young woman

by shooting her in the back,

about 4 feet 9 inches tall and

weighing just 98 pounds.

"Everyone is a suspect."

She was a tiny woman at

In the beginning, Shaw said,

That, however, changed. "We

do not consider the Bruegers as

suspects at this time," said

Shaw in July 2018. That is

because Franz Brueger, Ally's

father, voluntarily submitted

to a polygraph test, which was

completed in Flint on Friday,

April 13, 2018. He passed the

Brueger was running Saturday, July 30, 2016 on the famil-

at (855) 642.4847."

killing her.

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is despair," Nikki said.

"It is not a pretty picture but it's what we, Ally's father, me and her beloved dog, Zeus, live with everyday 24/7.

"The killer or killers are still free, 'hiding in plain sight,' and people who have information remain silent — why," she asked. "You can make an anonymous tip. Please speak up."

#### **Crime Stoppers reward**

Crime Stoppers of Michigan is offering up to \$8,500 for tips leading to the arrest of a suspect in Brueger's murder. The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, or ATF, is offering \$5,000. Anyone with information can submit a tip anonymously by calling 1-800-SPEAKUP. The money is paid when an arrest is made; they do not wait for a conviction.

Nikki Brueger said she also is disappointed that the Crime Stoppers posters she distributed around Holly and Fenton were put up for a short time, but have since come down. She said one retailer told her it "scares their customers."



A roadside memorial to Ally Brueger can be seen on Milford Road in Rose Township, just south of Holly Village. The business attached the Crime Stoppers poster and several pairs of shoes because Brueger was murdered while jogging. **Photo: Tim Jagielo** 

polygraph conclusively, eliminating him as a suspect.

"We are so disheartened that it's been three years and we still have no justice or truth in our daughter's case," said Ally's mother, Nikki Brueger. "We have dealt with inconsistent and conflicting statements made by the detectives, which I refer to as their 'double talk.' This insensitive behavior makes you feel very powerless, and it grinds away on any optimism or hope that we try and hold on to.

"And, then there are the hurtful comments made by people who claim to be our friends," she said. "Statements like 'Oh, something else will come along



Ally's beloved dog, Zeus, still sits on the front porch watching and waiting for his girl to come home. **Submitted photo** 

to replace your child, 'or 'At least you have a body, and Ally is not missing,' and 'Isn't the case cold by now, are you sure they are really working on it.' And lastly, 'Maybe the police will never solve her case.'

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# Soggy spring results in less produce this summer

Local produce including sweet corn coming in, though slowly despite pounding spring rain

#### By Tim Jagielo

**Fenton** — You wouldn't know farmers struggled with growing produce this spring by looking at the colorful items available at the Thursday night Farmers Market.

Cauliflower, kale, cucumbers, cherries, beans of all kinds, candy onions and peppers graced the table of Diana's Heirloom Garden stand, at the north end of the market.

At the south end, Janice Scheifer's stand was laden with a large variety of colorful produce. However, she said this was the best of what she could bring, and her production was down nearly 80 percent due to the spring weather. A lot is not fit to be sold.

"You don't see what the cows are eating," she said.

"Local produce is down," said Vince Paris, Southern Lakes Parks (SLPR) and Recreation director. "If you see watermelon at a farmers market, a big 10-pounder, it wasn't grown around here ... there just isn't

a lot of produce. Some may be delayed; some may not have even been planted."

Visitors to the local farmers markets can see the impact of the unprecedented rain during the critical growing period this past spring. Many crops like soy and corn couldn't be planted due to muddy sodden fields, and other crops like tomatoes burst from all the water and had to be replanted.

Paris is an avid gardener himself. He planted beans in the spring that ended up rotting in the ground due to the wet conditions. He had to replant beans and tomatoes. He said he can go home and pick some beans and eggplants later.

The Fenton and Linden farmers markets have some produce after two weeks of almost nothing available. Vendors are only permitted to sell produce from Michigan farms, so they're also behind in growth. He said he



By 8 p.m., only three produce stands remained open at the Fenton Farmers Market on Thursday, July 25. Still, there is more produce available now than in the first few weeks of the market. Photo: Tim Jagielo

checked out the selection in Davison at their farmers market and the selection

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been planted. 77

Vince Paris

Southern Lakes Parks and

Recreation director

is also low there.

Paris said the local markets were buoyed by the other things sold there, such as arts and crafts, along with food items like honey, bread, jams and maple syrup. "Those are things that are keeping our market going as produce slowly comes in," he said.

SLPR Market Manager Karoline Mayville said there was no produce the first two weeks of the market, which is unusual. This week there will be up to seven produce booths. Linden has one. She expects the tables will be more sparse than in past years.

Tomatoes and cucumbers are starting to come in. She guesses that August will be the month produce finally blooms fully as replanted crops are harvested. She urges shoppers to have patience. Regarding the spring weather, "It made a mess for a lot of people," she said.

Dwight Eichelberg of Eichelberg Farms in Fenton Township said his crops are doing OK. He's been selling tomatoes, string beans and sweet corn purchased from another farmer until his own corn comes in. His popular corn will be available in about a week. He said his crop is down by a third, and he'll charge \$6.50 for a dozen ears of corn, over the usual \$6. He'll have corn until the middle of October.

Pat Starrs of Starrs Lakeview Farms said, "We are strictly at the mercy of the weather." They sell from their own market stands on their Fenton Township property. He expects they'll have crops in August — though less selection than usual. He said they'll have items like corn, cantaloupe and watermelons, but it's too early to be sure.

Usually they would sell produce as a wholesaler for other vendors, but he may not do that much this season.

Mike Glass, who plants soy and corn in Fenton Township and beyond, said he ended up getting 40 percent of his corn planted, and 60 percent of his beans. He estimates that he's at 55 percent overall. He's made a claim on his crop insurance against what he didn't get planted.

It's hard to say how much corn he'll have, and he won't know until October, when it will be harvested. Glass doesn't bring his corn to farmers markets he sells to Archer Daniels Midland, a food processing company. Corn has different maturity dates depending on the type the farmer planted so it varies when it will be harvested.



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# Our **( Town**

- Angel Haven Foundation
- Angel Haven Foundation co-founder
- Electrical engineer
- Great grandfather, grandfather, father, husband

#### By Tim Jagielo

Carl Roos, 87, is looking back on a long and interesting career including designing auto industry heat-treating equipment still used today and helping run a dairy farm. He's also looking forward to his family, including his wife Shirley, five grandkids and five great grandkids, and providing more assistance through their organization, Angel Haven Foundation, which delivers goods to the rural poor in Virginia.

This is your 24th year of the Angel Haven Foundation — what

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Carl Roos, 87, is less physically mobile than he used to be, but he still makes the 1,100-mile round-trip drive for his foundation. **Photo:** File photo

#### are your thoughts?

It was a necessity. I'm glad I was chosen to do it. I feel that we all have to do something special, and

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this was my special thing — helping people. I don't think I'll ever quit until it's totally impossible to do it. Seeing people living in that poverty stage, that's when it hit me the worst. It's still growing on me, into my age doing it.

# Have you lived in Holly your whole life?

No, I'm originally born and raised in Pennsylvania, on the coal mining industry in Wilkes-Barre. I went into the service after graduating high school in 1949. When I got out of the service, I came to Michigan and met my wife Shirley. We lived in Roseville for seven to 10 years. Then we moved to Holly from there.

# You've had a few different careers — what were they?

While I was in the service, I spent three years in Germany, in Berlin. I serviced the communication equipment for the airport there. I graduated with my degree in electrical engineering. I ended up starting my own company, rebuilding used heating induction equipment for the automotive companies. I never stopped doing that. I still work on equipment that is 70 and 80 years old. I installed it when it was brand new. The equipment heat-treats parts; it's a form of electric heat treating.

At age 87, I still do that. When I go to the plants, they actually pick me

up in the cart, and take me out to the equipment. It's all high voltage, lethal voltage equipment. A lot of the younger engineers are not familiar with the equipment.

I was a dairy farmer with my son from the time we moved out to Holly, which would be in 1971. During the Kuwait (Gulf) war is when I got out of the dairy business.

# What's the most fun thing you've done?

Believe it or not, it was the dairy operation with my son, Raymond. It was the most satisfying thing I've ever done in my life. I did it while I was working full time as an electrical engineer. It was the most satisfying and I enjoyed it more than anything else. We're living on 22 acres. At one point, we had 90 acres and we were shipping 3,000 gallons of milk every other day.

# When people think of you, what do you hope they think of first?

Someone they can always count on. When they need help, I'm there to help them. If the need was there, I do it. I've been very blessed with the fact that I've had a good education, and the ability to work in many different fields. I've just always enjoyed working, and helping people.

# You're 87 now; what's one thing you've seen change for the better?

People are more inclined to be self-employed than work for a large corporation. There's more information available on the internet and libraries, and people can actually self-educate themselves. What advice do you have for younger people?

I've always been a very good Catholic guy. I think everyone should include the Lord in their whole life. That's probably the biggest thing I would suggest to them. Make God part of their life.

# What is something you would like to see?

The Tigers winning a game for a change, and the same thing for the Detroit Lions. I watch every one of the games.

# What do you still want to accomplish?

I want to die a happy man and end up in heaven. I don't think I can do much of anything else. I'd like to continue with Angel Haven, unless they take my license away from me.

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a new high school on the newly acquired 72-acre parcel of land on Lahring Road, just west of U.S. 23, and additions and renovations to other buildings, and additional technology.

That ballot question failed by a mere five votes -1,364 (no) to 1,359 (yes).

Not to be deterred, the voters were asked two more times and eventually passed a millage and the high school was built on that property in 2004.

#### **Eight is enough**

It was the opposite case in Linden Community Schools. After three failed bond proposals, school leaders split the question. The first part of the bond would give the district \$35.67 million that would pay for a new middle school and other improvements. The second part of the bond proposal asked for \$3.32 million for athletic facility additions and improvements.

On Sept. 23, 2003, the voters voted in favor of the first question by eight votes, with 1,959 voting "yes," and 1,951 voting "no." The second part of the bond proposal was rejected by a vote of 2,250 to 1,640.

Close votes are nothing new. The following are elections that were won or lost by one or two votes, and in the case of a tie, some unique methods were used to declare a winner.

**2017:** A Virginia House of Delegates race ended in a tie out of more than 23,000 votes cast. The tie was broken by pulling a name, placed in a film canister, out of a bowl. Republican David Yancey was declared the winner. The result was heightened by the fact that the win gave Republicans control of the State House by a single seat.

**2016:** A Vermont State Senate Democratic primary was determined by a single vote out of more than 7,400 cast.

**2016:** A Vermont state House seat was determined by one vote out of 2,000. This was a rematch, and when they first faced each other in 2010, the race was also decided by one vote — in the other direction.

**2016:** A New Mexico State House seat was decided by two votes out of almost 14,000.

**2016:** A Wyoming State House GOP primary was decided by just one vote, 583 to 582.

**2010:** A State House race in Vermont was determined by one vote; another had a one-vote difference

**2008:** An Alaska State House race was won by four votes out of 10,000.

**2006:** A Democratic primary for an Alaska State House seat was decided by a coin toss to break a tie. The winner, Bryce Edgmon, is currently speaker of the Alaska House.

**2004:** A special election in Radford, Virginia, for commonwealth's attorney was decided by one vote.

**2002:** A tie for a county commissioner seat in Nevada was determined by drawing the highest card. Amazingly, both candidates drew a jack, but the Democrat drew a jack of spades, which beat out the Republican's jack of diamonds.

**2002:** A GOP State House primary in Washington State was determined by one vote out of more than 11,000 cast. The person who lost had to wonder what might have been when one of his fellow police officers confided that he forgot to mail in his ballot. He left his ballot on his kitchen counter and it was never sent.

**2002:** A Connecticut State House seat was determined by one vote out of more than 6,400 cast.

**1998:** A Massachusetts State House GOP primary race ended in a tie after more than 1,700 ballots were cast. The winner was determined by a judge.

**1996:** South Dakota Democrat John McIntyre led Republican Hal Wick by just four votes out of almost 8,400 for a state legislative seat. A subsequent recount showed Wick the winner by just one vote, 4,192 to 4,191. But the state Supreme Court ruled that one ballot for Wick was invalid because of an over vote, resulting in a tie. Wick eventually won, because the tie was broken by the state legislature, which went for Wick, 46-20.

**1994:** A Wyoming State House seat ended in a 1,941 to 1,941 tie on Election Day. The tie was broken, live on NBC's Today show, with the secretary of state pulling a Ping Pong ball with the winning candidate's name on it out of the governor's hat. The winner went on to become speaker of the State House.

**1991:** A Virginia State House seat was determined by one vote out of almost 13,000 cast.

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# **Weddings of 2019** POP-UPS, PINTEREST, TRADITIONAL DRESSES

Reining in the guest list and bridal party are the best way to meet your budget

#### **By Tim Jagielo**

In 2019, wedding guest lists are growing again, and weddings are getting bigger. However, micro weddings called "pop-up" weddings are becoming a popular alternative.

Jerome Raska, co-owner of Blumz by JRDesigns in Holly has one of these weddings he describes as a "local elopement" next week. Raska's business handles everything from the planning, flowers and officiating. He has 36 years of experience in the field.

#### A CONSTANTLY CHANGING INDUSTRY

Raska said that for a while the trend was toward shrinking guest lists. Today, lists are actually **getting bigger** again. Raska said he has a client with a 475-guest wedding coming up. They can expect to spend \$145 per guest, according to ValuePenguin.com, a company from LendingTree. Yes that's an approximate \$70,000 wedding.

On the other end, there's the **pop-up weddings**, which Raska said is for immediate family only. They order flowers a week ahead of time and throw a nice party in their backyard.

**Summer is no longer king** for weddings. He said September and Oc-

tober are becoming the most popular months for weddings.

According to Dustin Rourke with Gerych's Events, **traditional wedding dresses** are coming back in style. These include longer trains, long sleeves and less skin. He said brides are requesting **personal items** to be added to their bouquets, like pieces of fabric from a deceased grandmother.

#### THE WEDDING BUDGET

According to The Knot, the average cost of a wedding nationally was \$33,931 in 2018. This includes clothing See WEDDINGS on 24





This wedding reception at the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant was styled by Gerych's Events. **Submitted photo** 

# Just sayin'...

enerally speaking, I am not a fan of war movies. There is one though that I have watched several times — The Dirty Dozen, which was first released in 1967.

During WWII, Major Reisman (played by Lee Marvin) is charged with training a team of soldiers to parachute across enemy lines and assassinate German personnel at a French chateau. The soldiers, recruited from convicted criminals on death row, are promised commuted sentences. The 12 men proved to be a competent unit

# Imagination overload, could another 'Dirty Dozen' work?

and accomplished their mission.

The film is based on a novel of the same name that was inspired by a real-life group called the "Filthy Thirteen."

We watched this movie again recently and it got me to thinking. What if the U.S. and major countries of the world recruited some of their death row prisoners to form a massive international army to combat the horrific problems in Central American countries that are causing the people there to flee to our borders in order to



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save their lives?

This new world army of enforcers could be trained to wipe out organized criminal groups like gangs and drug traffickers, and identify the police, prosecutors and judges who are allowing these criminals to get away with their crimes and put them on the hot seat. Send 'em all to Guantanamo Bay detention camp or some deserted island. I read Gitmo only has about 40 prisoners now, down from 245 back in the day.

If members of this special army are successful, they can get their sentences commuted, or if they really prove themselves worthy, can remain in Central America to keep the peace as law enforcement officers — forever. If they are not successful, and actually become part of the problem, they go back to death row.

In the meantime, the smart young people in these countries, who must be frightened and tired of living the way they do, can be called upon for ideas to rebuild and strengthen their countries. And, instead of spending billions on a wall to keep them out of the United States, maybe those billions could be spent on building schools, medical facilities, affordable housing communities, churches, small start-up businesses and more to boost their economy and make them want to stay home.

Shoot, if our president built a couple of hotels and a golf course in Honduras, it would put thousands of local citizens to work. Costa Rica, which is just over 400 miles from Honduras, entertains 1.7 million tourists a year from the U.S. and Canada. Earnings from tourism, according to the Costa Rican Embassy, amounts to more than \$1.7 billion U.S. dollars per year.

Think this is a dumb idea? Well, it's no dumber than what's happening now. 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.

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Weddings are beautiful occasions, the joining of two people who love each other and have committed to sharing the rest of their lives together. There are some occasions though, when a seemingly little thing can turn the whole affair ugly. Here are a few anonymous stories about bridezillas that really take the cake:

#### Not those green beans

This was the most expensive wedding I had catered at around \$100,000. The bride went absolutely crazy because she was given cut

green beans as opposed to French-style cut green beans. She was rude to everyone and spent the entire reception screaming at her new spouse. He look

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she never made the final payment on the food or the venue. Why? Because she couldn't afford it — her divorce lawyers were costing her a fortune.

#### Don't you die on me now

The father of the bride had a heart attack and as he was being carried out on the



the sobbing bride yells, " H o w could you ruin my w e d d i n g like this?"

stretcher

You want me to what?

The bride was a blonde. All bridesmaids except for me were brunette. She asked me to dye my hair brown for the wedding because she "wanted to be the only blonde." I suggested that instead I just give up my bridesmaid spot. Thankful to this day because I heard the dresses and bachelorette party cost all the other girls more money than I make in a month



#### Not a cheapskate

Went to a wedding in Cuba once (live in Canada) and after paying to fly and stay there and getting a suit (wasn't wedding party, just a close friend), I only gave a \$100 cash present (since the rest of the trip easily cost me \$1,300). The bride's family had the nerve to

email me a s k i n g why I only gave \$100 as a present, e s p e c i all y since I had the privilege of seeing the wedding in person. I was a guy just out of school at his first job less than a year.



#### Fired for losing fat

Between the time I agreed to be a bridesmaid and a couple of months before the wedding I lost some weight. The bride got angry at me because she wanted to be the skinny one and threw me out of the wedding party.

#### Mommy dearest

I recently attended my father's fifth wedding in August of this year, of which I was not asked but required to be a bridesmaid. About 24 hours after the wedding, my new "stepmother" was screaming at me in front of the entire wedding party for not referring to her as my mother. My real mother is very much alive and we are very close.

# Play that tune

a wedding in a shabby little reception hall out in the middle of the sticks for a redneck bride and groom. The bride was wasted by the time I

started playing my set, about 8 p.m. She came up to me right away and told me that I need to play the song "Save A Horse (Ride A Cowboy)" like every four songs, and I try to tell her that it's a bad idea but she insisted, so I agreed. About an hour into the night, I play the song for the 10th time and people in the crowd started to boo and were walking off the dance floor. Bride sees this and loses it. She runs up to the stage and demands the mic. "Get back on the dance floor, or this thing is done!" Her guests ignore her. She yells again and no one pays her any attention. She then marches over to the cake and gift table and flips it over, yelling "EVERYONE GET OUT OF MY WEDDING."



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This graph from Lending Tree's Value penguin.com shows a steady increase in wedding prices since 1990. ValuePigeon.com

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and the rings, but not the honeymoon. "I don't think those numbers are realistic in our marketplace in Michigan; I think they're low," he said.

Raska said the cost of a wedding greatly depends on the individuals and the location. Holly would be the most economical area of his three locations. The Detroit and Ferndale spots could end up being even more than that \$33,000 average.

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#### TIPS FROM THE PROFESSIONALS

The biggest factor in the cost of a wedding is the guest list and the size of the bridal party. Raska has had clients approach him expressing the need to have an economy wedding, but also want a group of 12 bridesmaids.

Like with anything, the clients have to be realistic about what their budget can get them. At a lower budget, "They can still be lovely; you just have to keep that in mind when you're making your guest list."

Raska said asking for "inclusive" prices will get the final cost with taxes and fees. Otherwise, there may be surprises regarding costs.

Both Raska and Rourke said Pinterest is a popular wedding planning tool. Rourke said the fun things couples find might not be affordable in the real world. Raska said it's useful to see what couples like, but then they have to focus in on specific themes they can do within their budget.



### WHAT YOU MISSED IN THE **MIDWEEK** TIMES

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

The following are stories you may have missed in the Wednesday, July 24. Midweek Times. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

#### Chinese students visit **Fenton for** third summer program Students



from Sprouts Akidemy, a Reggio-inspired after school program.

#### Multiple homes struck by lightning

Last weekend's storms cause power outages, downed wires and trees.

#### Fenton officials approve nearly \$211,000 in purchases

DPW will get new 4-ton hot patch trailer, pickup truck and front-end wheel loader.

#### State says drawbridge must be out by Sunday, July 28 Unauthorized structure not approved by overseeing state agency must be out by today.

Trista Man, 17, and Aiden Storts, 16, members of Team 1684 Lapeer Chimeras, stopped for a photo shortly after their team competed in the Robo-Con Michigan on Saturday, July 20 in Lapeer. Robo-Con Michigan is supported by founding member and partner View Newspaper Group. The Chimeras were one of 32 high school age teams and is one of a select few teams from the area to make it to the world championship. Photo: Alex Petrie

# Michigan State's Jones presents his message to Holly athletes

#### **By David Troppens**

**Holly** — Greg Jones has earned himself a great life through football.

He went to an outstanding prep school in Cincinnati, Archbishop Moeller High School, and continued his athletic career at Michigan State

#### University.

The linebacker was a four-year starter, earning All-American honors twice and First-Team All Big 10 honors three times.

He then was drafted in the sixth round by the New York Giants and

played on the Super Bowl championship squad. The Giants defeated New England 21-17.

Jones ended up playing in the NFL for three seasons, and then spent parts of four seasons in the Canadian Foot-See JONES on 26

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# Sports Times

The Fenton varsity football program has been hosting home 7-on-7 scrimmages on Wednesdays throughout the summer. Wednesday's event was the last of the summer. **Photo: Mark Bolen** 

# **Tigers close 7-on-7 scrimmages excited about future season**

Experienced Fenton looking to return to top of Flint Metro League this fall

#### **By David Troppens**

Jackson

I am a very active

and social boy

who loves everyone I meet.

**Fenton** — Fenton varsity football coach Jeff Setzke says there is a different sense of purpose during this summer's sessions together.

After earning at least a share of the Metro League title for the last seven seasons, and outright championships for four straight seasons, those runs ended last year when Brandon and Flushing earned the co-Metro title.

That has the Fenton Tigers working on a mission.

"It is a very veteran football team that has a chip on its shoulders," Setzke said. "We have 25 seniors coming back with multitude of starters on both sides. From that standpoint, we have been able to hit the ground running. We have a little chip on our shoulder because we did not like the way last year finished. You don't realize what you miss until you don't have it anymore. Last year some teams finished ahead of us, and that doesn't settle well."

Ex-Michigan State linebacker

Greg Jones spoke to Holly football players on Tuesday.

The Tigers concluded a summer of Wedesday 7-on-7 camps at Fenton High School, competing with three other schools. The scrimmages are one of many things the team has done to prepare for the upcoming season.

"We've had a good summer," Setzke said. "The weather for everybody has gotten in the way of things, but we've had a good summer with our conditioning, speed, agility and training.

"We've had many 7-on-7s. We went See TIGERS on 27

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#### JONES

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However, none of it happened without Jones making some serious decisions at an early age. Jones had to deal with gangs, violence and drugs as he grew up in Cincinnati. And it was the decisions he made as he grew up that assured he kept the doors open to a successful future.

Jones visited the Holly varsity football team on Tuesday, discussing his message to the squad. A week earlier he spoke to the cross country program.

"I was able to steer away from those things, using the things my parents taught me," Jones said. "I was a little bit scared knowing if I didn't do it (succumb to peer pressure), this was going to happen, but at the same time I had to make decisions and this is what this program is all about."

Jones said he remembered when he was as young as 8, when he may have made his first realization.

"I was talking to my cousin and he said, "I could've played football,"" Jones said. "I asked what happened and he said he didn't like the coach, didn't want to get yelled at and that's it. I thought what if I just keep going on and ignore it. It sucks. No one likes that, but I wondered why they yell at you and that's why they are good coaches. What they are telling you is important as well."

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Ex-Michigan State football player and Super Bowl champion Greg Jones (immediately above) talks to the Holly varsity football team on Tuesday. He talked to them about learning how to adjust to life's problems. (Top of page) The Holly football team plays a game of kickball at the end of the three-hour session with Jones. Ashton DeHart kicks a ball while Jesnon Walker pitches it during the kickball game. Photos: David Troppens



TALKING ABOUT CONCERTS

As much as we possibly can be, we are pretty big concert goers.

The key words are 'as much as we possibly can.' Anna and I work a lot of opposite shifts, so that limits our concerts we attend, but somehow it seems we make it to at least three a year, with most coming during the summer. I thought it may be fun listing my favorite artists I've seen in concert. My top three

Without a doubt, **Alice Cooper** is on top of the list. Alice is now 71 years old, but anyone who sees him in concert probably wouldn't believe it. He's routinely breaking out of straight jackets, dealing with guillotines and seeking more victims on stage during his shows. And his wife, Cheryl Cooper, routinely is one of his victims or one of the 'not-exactly-wired-correctly nurses' on stage.

He was just at Pine Knob (now known as DTE) last weekend. Of course, it was an awesome show. Weird Al Yankovic and Alice

Cooper are good friends, and both have many traits in common. Just like Alice, Weird Al puts on an outstanding stage show. He has all of his gimmicks you see in his videos and funny videos while he's making costume changes. Weird Al's shows usually last about two hours with high energy.

His crowds are passionate fans and range from age 8 to 80. He came to Meadowbrook earlier this month and it's very common to see families from kids to grandparents going to the concert together. Weird AI has done a few interest-See DABBLINGS on 27

#### DABBLINGS

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**Godsmack** is very good live. The double drum solo is always very cool, and their song 'Voodoo' is easily my favorite live. If you get a chance, go see them.

Also, a quick shout out to **Iron Maiden**. Anna and I lost about 20 percent of our hearing at a show we saw probably about five years ago. It was worth it.

#### Never want to see again

A few years ago **Whitesnake** came to Pine Knob and we attended the show. It was hard watching lead singer David Coverdale on stage. Apparently, has had a few face lifts because it seemed every time he sang, his mouth hardly moved. I just found it disturbing and it made it hard for me to concentrate on the show.

Just looking at her, no one would guess Anna to be a fan of the hardest music alive. Consequently, I've been dragged to my fair share of Five Finger Death Punch, Megadeth and Slayer concerts over the years. I once fell asleep while Volbeat were playing, so now Anna considers the group my lullaby music. I think it was when we saw Slayer I had earplugs on and didn't think they were working. I took them off to reset them, and quickly found out they were working. The music was iust that loud.

#### In the 'interesting' chapter

In 1994, I attended the 25th anniversary of Woodstock concert. It was interesting because so many of the artists were new artists supporting their first albums. Most of the songs I didn't know, which created some lulls.

That said, there were plenty of my favorites to make it super memorable. And even without the music, our bus's drug bust on our way up to the concert and Saturday's rain and mud made it super memorable.

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to Notre Dame and Hope College and also went down to Clarkston."

Some of the sessions were bothered by bad weather, including the traditional trip to Notre Dame.

"There was a monsoon in Notre Dame," Setzke said. "After pool play, they cancelled the rest of it. There wasn't a little rain, but a lot of it too much to the point of not being fun. We still got a chance to play in the stadium and it was a great experience."

All eyes will be on last year's starting quarterback, Sophomore Dylan Davidson. Of course, Davidson suffered a first half injury in the opening game of the season and missed the rest of the year. Now stronger and taller, Davidson has had a solid summer.

"He's been fantastic," Setzke said. "He can really throw it. He's our best pure thrower we've had in my tenure here. ... He can make any throw.

"He's grown. He's 6-foot-1 and 205 pounds. He's not a small quarterback. He's the real deal."

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People wanting to get a look at the 2019 Fenton varsity football team had a chance to do so during the summer during Wednesdays at Fenton High School. Here are some photos of the action that took place during the final 7-on-7 scrimmage on Wednesday.





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The legislature is on break through July, with no votes until at least August. Rather than votes this report contains some interesting or noteworthy recent bill introductions.

# House Bill 4610: Mandate schools with low vaccination rates post warnings

Introduced by Rep. Brian Elder (D), to require that if a local school board determines that more than 5 percent of the students enrolled in a particular school have not been tested for and immunized against specified diseases, the school must post a signs at each entrance stating this fact, and also post it on their website. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

# House Bill 4614: Mandate FAFSA submission as condition of public school diploma

Introduced by Rep. Darrin Camilleri (D), to mandate that students in Michigan public schools complete and submit the federal Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as a condition of getting a high school diploma. School districts would be allowed but not required to grant individual exceptions upon request. The FAFSA is an eligibility determination form that the federal government requires from individuals seeking federal higher education grants or loans; applicants may be required to disclose extensive family financial information. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

### Senate Bill 342: Ban police use of face recognition technology

Introduced by Sen. Peter Lucido (R), to prohibit law enforcement officials to obtain, access, or use any face recognition technology or any information obtained from the use of face recognition technology to enforce the law. Evidence gathered with this technology could not be admitted in court. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.



#### NOTICE – SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARINGS ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Please be advised, The Argentine Township Board will hold a public hearing for the following Special Assessment Districts Thursday August 8, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Township Hall, 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden, MI 48451 to hear any comments or objections. The proposed amounts are for one year and will be placed on the Winter tax rolls. The following proposed amounts are for Township-wide garbage collection, police and fire protection. The additional assessments apply to owners of properties within the proposed districts only.

This year the proposed annual amounts are as follows:

#### **Township-wide Districts:**

- Garbage Collection \$150.00 per parcel with a home
- Fire Protection \$130.00 per improved parcel, \$50.00 per vacant parcel
- Police Protection \$170.00 per improved parcel

**Residents who live on a dirt road maintained by the county** will pay Road Improvement of \$1.00 for Chloride – dust control

# The residents who live on the following lakes weed control districts are as follows:

- Lobdell Weeds \$175.00 riparians
- McKane Weeds \$100.00 riparians
- Softwater Weeds \$150.00 riparians
- Myers Weeds \$25.00 riparians
- Stages Tax \$518.00 (\$458.00 for 10 years for improvements & \$60.00 for access)
- Lobdell Estates \$140.00 for Vacant Lake Lot Tax

### The lighting districts are as follows and only residents who reside in this district will pay the assessment:

- Kovacs Lights \$50.00 per parcel for lights
- Hatt, Locke and Angel Drives \$120.00 per parcel for road maintenance and lights
- Windwood Beach Drive \$150.00 per parcel for road maintenance, light and tree trimming

- Pineview Lake Dr \$10.00 per lot for mowing around sign and light
- Rustic Trail \$10.00 per parcel for light
- Knobhill Lights \$300.00 for a light and gate maintenance
- Woods Lights \$56.00 per parcel for lights
- White Oaks Drive \$40.00 per parcel per parcel for lights

### The following is for Road Maintenance on roads that are maintained by the residents who live on them:

- Longfellow Drive \$220.00 per parcel for road maintenance
- Oakhill Drive \$100 per improved parcel and \$40 for vacant for road maintenance and lake access
- improvements
- Woodward Drive \$30.00 per parcel for road maintenance plus \$200.00 for ten years for repairs for a total of \$230.00
- Selma and Sharon Drives \$150.00 per improved parcel for road maintenance
- Hartwood Drive \$30.00 per parcel for road maintenance
- Bougher Drive \$225.00 per parcel for road maintenance
- Hiawatha Drive \$150.00 per parcel for road maintenance
- Ridge Drive \$75.00 for parcels North of Lake Drive, \$35.00 for parcels South of Lake Drive for
- maintenance
- Longfield Drive \$140.00 per parcel for road maintenance
- Shiawassee Drive \$150.00 per parcel for road maintenance
- Locust Grove \$75.00 per parcel for road maintenance
- Shared Driveway (Duffield Rd) \$10.00 per parcel for road maintenance

The appearance and protest of a property owner or party in interest or agent at the above-referenced public hearing is required to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Such appearance and protest may be made in person at the hearing or by letter addressed to and received by the Township Clerk at 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden, MI 48451 prior to the close of said public hearing. Any appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal must be filed within 30 days after the date the roll is confirmed

Denise Graves, Clerk Argentine Township





#### - Compiled by Sharon Stone -

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, July 19.

The legislature is on break through July, with occasional "pro-forma" sessions but no votes until at least August. Rather than votes, this report contains some interesting or noteworthy recent bill introductions. Senate Bill 352: Mandate social workers report animal abuse Introduced by Sen. Peter Lucido (R), to establish that if a government child protective services worker has reason to believe animal abuse or neglect is occurring, he or she must report it in writing to animal control officials within 72 hours, with penalties of up to 90 days in jail for failing to do so in serious cases, and up to four years for false reports. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

#### 2019 Senate Bill 360: Expand selective tax breaks for "Pyramid" building data center

Introduced by Sen. Jim Stamas (R), to expand the selective tax breaks that in 2015 were authorized for the developer of a data center in the "Pyramid" building near Grand Rapids, and possibly to some other "data center" firms. The bill would extend the tax breaks to other firms "co-located" in the same building. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

#### Senate Bill 368: Make unemployment benefits job search requirements more lenient

Introduced by Sen. Jim Ananich (D), to exempt an individual collecting unemployment insurance benefits from the duty to seek work if the job search does one of the following: "Poses a clear and proximate danger to the employee's health;" interferes with medical treatment or recovery; the individual is unable to perform work; the individual "produces evidence that seeking work might result in the loss of employment or employment-related benefits;" or "the employee demonstrates other good and reasonable cause." Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

#### House Bill 4634: Mandate employers post government pay equity posters

Introduced by Rep. Kristy Pagan (D), to mandate that larger employers post a notice in their workplace that describes state and federal pay equity laws with contact information for government regulators, subject to a \$100 fine for not posting it. Also, to require the state to maintain a telephone hotline and website for individuals who have a complaint. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

# House Bill 4652: Increase downhill ski lift inspection fees

Introduced by Rep. Thomas Albert (R), to increase the permit fees imposed on downhill ski area lifts, trams and ropetows. Referred to appropriations committee, no further action at this time.

#### **ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP**

# SECTION 17.21-1 SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS: TITLE

An Ordinance amending the Township of Argentine Zoning Ordinance to provide regulations for the location, operations and maintenance of solar energy facilities. A. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS. All Solar Energy Systems, whether ground mounted or roof mounted, are subject to the following general requirements:

1. A solar energy system must conform to all County, State, and Federal regulations and safety requirements as well as applicable industry standards.

2. Solar panels shall be placed such that concentrated solar glare shall not be directed onto nearby properties or roadways.

B. ROOF MOUNTED SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS. Category I or Category II roof mounted solar energy systems shall be considered an accessory use in all zoning districts, subject to the following requirements:

1. Solar panels erected on a building shall not extend beyond the peak of the roof. 2. Roof mounted panels must be installed with a minimum of a three (3) foot setback from the edges of the roof, the peak, or eave or valley to maintain pathways of accessibility.

C. GROUND MOUNTED SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS. Ground mounted solar energy systems (other than those defined as solar farms) shall be considered an accessory use in all zoning districts, subject to the following requirements:

1. Prior to the installation of a ground mounted solar energy system, the property owner shall submit a site plan to the Zoning Official. This drawing shall include setbacks, panel size, and the location of property lines, buildings, fences, greenbelts, and road right of ways. This site drawing must be prepared by a Licensed Surveyor at a legible scale.

2. A ground mounted solar energy system shall meet accessory buildings regulations according to Section 17.04.

3. All power transmission lines from a ground mounted solar energy system to any building or other structure shall be located underground.

4. There shall be a greenbelt screening around any ground mounted solar energy systems and equipment associated with the system from any adjacent residences. The greenbelt shall consist of shrubbery, trees, or other non-invasive plant species that provide a visual screen. In lieu of a planting greenbelt, a decorative fence may be used.

5. In the event that a ground mounted solar energy system has been deemed abandoned by the township zoning official (meaning not having been in operation for a period of six (6) months, the system shall be removed by the property owner within six (6) months from the date of notice.

D. SOLAR FARMS. Solar Farms shall only be allowed in the AR Agricultural Residential, R-1 Residential, or the I Industrial Districts as a special use approved by the Planning Commission. Solar Farms shall be subject to the following requirements:

1. The owner of a solar farm shall provide the Planning Commission with an operations agreement, which shall set forth the operations parameters, the name and contact information of the certified operator, inspection protocol, emergency procedures, manufactures material general safety documentation, decommissioning plan, and complaint resolution process.

2. Prior to the installation, the property owner shall submit a site plan to the Planning Commission which includes where and how the solar farm will connect to the power grid. This requirement is in addition to the requirements set forth in Articles 19.09 and 19.10.

3. No solar farm shall be installed until evidence has been given to the Planning Commission that the electric utility company has agreed to allow the property owner to install an interconnected customer-owned generator to the grid.

4. A Category II or III ground mounted solar energy farm system must be fenced in with at least a six (6) foot chain link fence, have a minimum setback from all side and rear property lines of twenty-five (25) feet and a minimum setback of one hundred (100) feet from any road right-of- way and any residential structure on nearby properties.

5. To ensure proper removal of a solar farm energy system when it is abandoned, any application for approval of a new solar farm energy system shall include a description of the financial security guaranteeing removal of the system which must be posted at the time of receiving a construction permit for the facility. The security shall be: 1) a cash bond; 2) an irrevocable bank letter of credit; or 3) a performance bond in a form approve by the Township. The amount of such guarantee shall be no less than the estimated cost of removal and shall include a provision for inflationary cost adjustments. The estimate shall be prepared by the engineer for the developer and shall be subject to approval by the Township. If the property owner fails to remove or repair the defective or abandoned system, in addition to applying all or part of the bond, the Township may pursue legal action to have the system removed and assess the cost to the tax roll. The applicant shall be responsible for the payment of any costs and attorney's fees incurred by the Township in securing removal of the solar system facilities.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication. Adopted: June 24, 2019

Denise Graves, Clerk

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

AT&T Mobility, LLC is proposing to modify an existing telecommunications tower located near 6343 Lahring Road, Holly Township, Oakland County, MI 48442. The project will consist of installing a 7-foot high chain link fence around the existing 120-foot tall Cell on Wheels tower. Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the proposed project may have on any historic property may do so by sending such comments to: Project 6119002878 - SLG EBI Consulting, 6876 Susquehanna Trail South, York, PA 17403, or via telephone at (802) 578-7030.

#### TYRONE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given the Tyrone Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 13, 2019, beginning at 7:30 pm at the Tyrone Township Hall, 10408 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan 48430. The purpose for the Public Hearing is:

1. To receive public comments regarding a request by The Rock Church for a major amendment to the approved special land use site plan for the construction and operation of a new worship center, regulated by Zoning Ordinance #36 Section 22.05.D, Special Land Uses, located on a vacant parcel of land at the northwest corner of Linden and Bennett Lake Roads, Fenton, Michigan 48430, Tax ID 4704-06-200-008. The property is zoned RE, Rural Estate;

To receive public comments regarding proposed amendments to Zoning Ordinance #36:

- 1. Sign Regulations: Article 27 Outdoor Advertising and Sign Regulations, to revise the standards and requirements for signs and outdoor advertising and to regulate with content neutrality;
- 2. Home Occupations: Article 21, Section 21.14 Home Occupations, to redefine review requirements for permitted home occupations, to update the list of permitted home occupations, to permit signs in certain cases subject to Planning Commission approval, and to redefine the space limits for home occupations;
- Noise Regulations: Article 21, Section 21.16 Noise, to update fireworks regulations for consistency with PA 634 of 2018 and PA 635 of 2018, and to add clarification to enforcement of noise violations;
- Expansion or Extension of Nonconforming Structures: Article 26, Section 26.04.A.3 – Permitted Expansion or Extension, to clarify review and public hearing requirements for extension or expansion of nonconforming structures;
- 5. Animal Units: Article 21, Section 21.28 Stables and Animals, to revise the requirements and standards for keeping of animals that are not pets in the Farming Residential (FR), Rural Estate (RE), and Single Family Residential (R-1) zoning districts.

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

Mark Meisel, Chairman Tyrone Township Planning Commission

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#### McLaren welcomes internist to medical staff

Rebecca Pratiti, MD, board certified internal medicine



specialist, has joined the medical staff at McLaren Flint. Pratiti is seeing patients at the McLaren Flint Internal Medicine Faculty & Residency

Group Practice, located at G-3230 Beecher Rd., Suite 2 in Flint. Pratiti completed her residency at Texas Tech University Health Science Center in El Paso, Texas. She earned her medical degree from Shri Vasantrao Naik Government Medical College in Yavatmal, Maharashtra, India. Pratiti is accepting new patients and can be reached by calling (810) 342-5800.



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#### McLaren welcomes vascular surgeon to medical staff Babatunde Almaroof, MD, board certi-



fied vascular surgeon, has joined the medical staff at McLaren Flint. Almaroof is seeing patients at the Vascular Institute of Michigan, 1325 South Linden Rd., in Flint. Almaroof

completed a fellowship in vascular surgery Eastern Virginia Medical School Division of Vascular Surgery in Norfolk, Virginia. He completed his residency at the University of Toledo College of Medicine in Toledo, Ohio. Almaroof earned his medical degree from the University of Lagos in Lagos, Nigeria. Almaroof is accepting new patients and can be reached by calling (810) 535-5555.

# Streaming MOVIES



#### ALITA: BATTLE ANGEL

From visionary filmmakers James Cameron (Avatar) and Robert Rodriguez (Sin City), comes Alita: Battle Angel, an epic adventure of hope and empowerment. When Alita (Rosa Salazar) awakens with no memory of who she is in a future world she does not recognize, she is taken in by Ido (Christoph Waltz), a compassionate doctor who realizes that somewhere in this abandoned cyborg shell is the heart and soul of a young woman with an extraordinary past. As Alita learns to navigate her new life and the treacherous

streets of Iron City, Ido tries to shield her from her mysterious history while her street-smart new friend Hugo (Keean Johnson) offers instead to help trigger her memories. But it is only when the deadly and corrupt forces that run the city come after Alita that she discovers a clue to her past — she has unique fighting abilities that those in power will stop at nothing to control. If she can stay out of their grasp, she could be the key to saving her friends, her family and the world she's grown to love.

PG-13, 2 hr. 5 min. Action & Adventure, Romance. Audience score rottentomatoes.com



#### THE GREAT HACK

Data, arguably the world's most valuable asset, is being weaponized to wage cultural and political wars. The dark world of data exploitation is uncovered through the unpredictable personal journeys of players on different sides of the explosive Cambridge Analytica/Facebook data story. **NR**, 1 hr. 53 min. Documentary

Audience score from rottentomatoes.com is not available.

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#### NOTICE TO ROSE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Rose Township Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on Tuesday August 13, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Rose Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider and receive comments on the following application:

Mr. Gary Lowe owner of vacant lot on Cogshall Street (06-03-203-008). Is requesting a variance from the Rose Township Ordinance. The request is for a rear yard setback variance to locate a manufactured structure on lot. The variance request is for an 18 feet rear yard setback. Rose Township Zoning Ordinance, Table 38-232 Schedule of Regulations, requires that the rear yard setback be a minimum of 30 feet.

Comments in writing will be accepted until the date and time of the hearing and should be submitted to the Office of the Rose Township Clerk, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan, 48442.

A copy of the aforementioned variance application is available for inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. at the Township Office, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan until and including the day of the hearing.

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

David Plewes Rose Township Zoning Administrator

# NOTICE OF ELECTION TYRONE TOWNSHIP, LIVINGSTON COUNTY AUGUST 6, 2019 ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF TYRONE TOWNSHIP:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN TYRONE TOWNSHIP ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2019. THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

#### AT THE FOLLOWING POLLING LOCATIONS

Precinct 2 and 3 Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church 10235 White Lake Rd., Fenton

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that Fenton Area Public Schools will be voting on the proposal presented and listed below:

Fenton Area Public Schools Sinking Fund Millage Proposal 2.25 Mills for 10 Years

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of Fenton Area Public Schools, 3100 Owen Road, Fenton, MI 48430-1754, telephone (810) 591-4700. A sample ballot may be viewed at mi.gov/vote.

Absentee ballots are available for all elections; registered voters may contact the Tyrone Township Clerk to obtain an application for an absent voter ballot. All electors who are registered with the township clerk in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election. To comply with the Help American Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available in audio format and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the township clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

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# Obituaries

# Martha Alexander 1927-2019

Martha Alexander, age 92, of Holly, died on Friday, July 26, 2019. Visitation will be on Thursday, August 1, 2019 at the Dryer Funeral Home from 2 PM – 9 PM with an Eastern Star service at 7 PM. The funeral service will be held on Friday, August 2, 2019 at the Calvary United Methodist Church in Holly at 11 AM with Pastor Cliff Schroeder officiating. The burial will be at Rose Center Cemetery following the service. Martha was born in Port Huron on July 25, 1927 to Donald and Edna Turner. Martha is survived by her children, Shirley (Ronald) Brendel, Jim (Cindy) Alexander and Bruce (Kim) Alexander; eight grandchildren, Kristina (Ben) Eggenberger, Cyndi (John) Ball, William (Katie) Brendel, Cara (Eric) Dovre, Emma Alexander, Cory (Cara) Alexander, Christopher (Tiffany) Alexander, David (Stephanie) Alexander; brothers, William (Sue) Turner and A.J (Lois) Turner; 14 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Alexander Sr.; brother, James Turner; sisters, Donna Scott, Muriel Higgins and Margaret Kidd. Martha graduated from Holly High School in 1947. She was a member of the Calvary United Methodist Church where she sang in the choir and was a life member of the Order of the Eastern Star in which she served as an Oakland County Officer. Martha loved her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and her Detroit Tigers. Memorial donations can be made to Calvary United Methodist Church, Holly. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

#### William (Bill) Michael Smith

1944-2019 William (Bill) Michael Smith age 75, of Fenton, passed away, Friday, July 19, 2019, at McLaren Hospital in Flint. In

accordance with William's wishes cremation has taken place. A memorial service will take place at 11 AM, Monday, July 29, 2019 at First Presbyterian Church of Fenton, 503 S. Leroy St., Fenton, MI 48430. Pastor Robbie Carnes will officiate with burial at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Visitation will take place on Sunday, July 28, 2019 from 2-9 PM at Sharp Funeral Homes, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton, MI 48430 and on Monday at the church from 10 AM until the time of the service. Memorial contributions can be made to Old Newsboys of Flint or First Presbyterian Church of Fenton. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Gene Lyons**

Gene Lyons - age 85, died July 23, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.





#### **Richard Ray Hetcel** 1941-2019

Richard Ray Hetcel - age 78, of Linden, died Friday, July 19, 2019. A service will be held at a later date. Those desiring may make contributions to Adopt-A-

Pet, 13575 Fenton Road, Fenton, MI 48430. Richard was born February 25, 1941 in Flint, the son of Rudolph and Mozell (Payton) Hetcel. He was a 1959 graduate of Hoover High School. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He married Sharon Joyce Barrett June 2, 1960 in Flint. Richard had resided in Linden since 1978 coming from Flint. He retired in 1993 from GM Truck and Bus after 28 years of service. Surviving are: his wife of 59 years, Sharon; son, Richard (Dina) Hetcel, Jr.; daughter, Tracy Springer; nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; siblings, Rudolph (Marie) Hetcel, Harold Hetcel, Johann Marks, and Linda (Bob) White; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his: parents; sons, James and Thaddius Hetcel; and sisters, Sharon Hetcel and Carol Monech. Tributes may be shared at www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### Gene Reid

Gene Reid - age 72, died July 22, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Jack Bollinger**

Jack Bollinger - age 71, died July 23, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Billie "Teri" Oker** Billie "Teri" Oker - age 83, died July 23, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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#### Irene Caroline (Stubblefield) Bowles

**1930-2019** Irene Caroline (Stubblefield) Bowles - age 89, of Linden, died July 24, 2019. Funeral services will be



held 6 PM Friday, July 26, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Pastor Dawn Russell will officiate. Visitation will be held from 3 PM until the time of service on Friday. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to Linden Presbyterian Church. Irene was born January 15, 1930 in Flint, the daughter of Carl and Marguerite (Burnham) Stubblefield and was a 1947 graduate of Swartz Creek High School. She married Roderick J. Bowles on March 25, 1950; he preceded her in death on August 2, 1987. Irene had worked at Michigan Bell Telephone, then at J.L. Hudsons (Macy's), retiring in 1996, after 26 years. She enjoyed bowling, golfing, playing cards and going to lunch with friends. She was a past member of Spring Meadows Country Club. Irene leaves her daughter, Barbara (Dennis) O'Reilly; grandsons, Bryan Page and Evan (Betsy) Scott; sister, Sharleen Pajtas; many friends and cousins. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Laura; son, Roderick J. Bowles Jr; sisters, Pauline Hawley and Maxine Frost; brother, Carl Stubblefield; nieces, Wendy Frost and Traci Stubblefield. Tributes may be shared at www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Henry Overholt**

Henry Överholt - age 97, died July 22, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Dr. Thomas Goupil**

Dr. Thomas Goupil - age 77, died July 25, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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# **Obituaries**

#### **Matthew Mailhot**

Matthew Mailhot - age 52, died July 18, 2019. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Dolores Eden**

Dolores Eden - age 86, died July 18, 2019. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Ronald Wood**

Ronald Wood - age 81, died July 18, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### Lamon Huckabee

Lamon Huckabee - age 88, died July 19, 2019. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### Yevgeniya Lavrova

Yevgeniya Lavrova - age 97, died July 19, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Jeremy Arcand**

Jeremy Arcand - age 45. died July 18. 2019. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Garv Florkowski**

Gary Florkowski - age 71, died July 21, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### Michael Wittenberg

Michael Wittenberg - age 81, died July 2, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Ricky Irwin**

Ricky Irwin - age 52, died July 17, 2019. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Jonathan Walentovic**

Jonathan Walentovic - age 32, died July 21, 2019. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Zayden Guillen**

Zayden Guillen - age 10 months, died July 20, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### Kathleen E. Pittel

Kathleen E. Pittel - age 86, died July 23, 2019. www.temrowskifamilyfuneral home.com.



#### **Reinhold F. Velthoven**

Reinhold F. Velthoven - age 51, died July 19, 2019. www. temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



#### **Russell N. Kleist**

Russell N. Kleist - age 93, died July 20, 2019. www. temrowskifamilyfuneral home.com.



Scott A. Kay Scott A. Kay - age 60, died July 22, 2019. www.temrowskifamilyfuneral home.com.



# Fiber-Filled **Banana Colada** Smoothie

#### **INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 cup light coconut milk
- 1 cup diced pineapple
- 1/3 cup lightly packed shredded unsweetened coconut
- 1/4 cup whey protein powder
- 2 tablespoons bee pollen
- 1/2 teaspoon pure rum extract
- 2 cups banana slices, frozen
- 2 tablespoons grated coconut for garnish

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

Combine coconut milk, pineapple, coconut, whey protein powder, bee pollen, and rum extract in a blender or smoothie maker. Blend on high speed for 45 seconds, or until mixture is puréed and smooth. Add banana slices, and blend on high speed again until mixture is smooth. Serve immediately, garnished with grated coconut, if desired.



Four, 1-cup servings

Diet and exercise are integral parts of the formula for a healthy life. Though few people may look forward to giving up certain foods in favor of more nutritious diets, healthy, low-calorie foods don't have to be boring and bland.

Breakfast smoothies are a great way to maximize nutrient profiles and flavors to achieve a filling and fast meal. Smoothies that capitalize on tropical tastes rife with fiber can tame hunger and offer a jolt of energy to get you through the day. Such is the case with this recipe for "Fiber-Filled Banana Colada Smoothie" from Ellen Brown's "Super Smoothies" (Crestline). This recipe offers fruits with wonderfully complementary flavors that are both high in fiber and rich in supercharged nutrients like potassium, vitamin A and vitamin C.

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PSY THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME!® By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek ZISE The letters of these crazy words are all mixed up. To play the game, put them back into the right order so that they all make real words you can find in the dictionary. Write the letters of each real word under each crazy word, but only one letter to a square. EFDE Now you're ready to solve today's Jumble for Kids. 3 Study the picture for a hint. Play around with the letters in the circles. You'll find you can put them in order so that they make your funny answer. DARO WHEN THE ELEVATOR BUTTONS DIDN'T GET MUCH USE, THEY WERE -S2019 Tribune Conten t Agency, LLC Color me Were - DE-PRESSED

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### Word Search

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# Understanding feline diabetes

Diabetes is a condition most often associated with humans. But this potentially debilitating disease can even affect pets, including the family cat.

Feline diabetes can greatly affect cats' quality of life. The Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine estimates that between 0.2 and 1 percent of cats in the general population suffer from feline diabetes. While that's a low number, the potential dangers faced by cats with undiagnosed cases of feline diabetes makes it imperative that cat owners understand this disease and how to recognize it.

#### What is diabetes?

The cells in a cat's body require sugar in the form of glucose for energy. Glucose in the blood requires the hormone insulin, which serves as something of a key that unlocks the doors to the cells, making them capable of employing the glucose for energy. The insulin attaches to the cells and lets the body know when to absorb the glucose. That process is essential for muscle function. When a cat has type 1 diabetes, glucose concentrations are high because of a decrease in insulin production. Type 2 diabetes, which is more common among felines than type 1, occurs when glucose levels are high because the cells are not responding to the insulin in an appropriate way.

### What are some signs that may indicate the presence of feline diabetes?

Diabetes deprives the body of a necessary energy source, so when cats are suffering from diabetes, be it type 1 or type 2, weight loss is likely to occur. That weight loss occurs because cats' bodies will turn to sources other than glucose for energy. In these instances, the body breaks down fats and proteins, resulting in weight loss. The CUCVM notes that this weight loss occurs even though cats' appetites increase.



Excessive thirst and urination is another potential indicator of feline diabetes. Cats' bodies respond to elevated levels of glucose in their blood by excreting excessive amounts of the glucose in their urine. That high concentration of glucose in the urine pulls excessive amounts of water into the urine. According to the CUCVM, this results in increased urine volume, increased urinary water loss, a higher likelihood of dehydration, and an increase in thirst.

Some cats experience nerve damage in their hind limbs as a result of feline diabetes. However, the CUCVM notes that this is a rare occurrence.

Cat owners who suspect their cats may be suffering from diabetes should report their concerns to their veterinarians immediately. Treatment can be very effective and restore quality of life to cats.

# **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.



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# Weekend Scrambler

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!





### Weekend Sudoku

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



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