Loose Center asks to end agreement with Linden

Changes would allow center to sell property to private company

By Hannah Ball

Linden — A new senior living facility and wellness center could be coming to Linden next to the Loose Center. However, one hurdle is the 23-year-old agreement that funded Loose Center in the first place.

See LOOSE CENTER on 12

Too close to home

12th anniversary of Fenton tornado links resident with her family’s past in the deadly Flint-Beecher tornado

By Sally Rummel

What are the chances that five generations of one family have been victims of one of nature’s most violent storms — a tornado?

Looking back at the tornado, which ripped through downtown Fenton on Friday, Aug. 24, 2007 at 5:34 p.m., one local resident’s experience brings back memories of her family’s past in the Flint-Beecher tornado 66 years ago.

See TORNADO on 17

High School Football Season is Here

Ron Eltringham, Fenton High School varsity football team defense coordinator, runs players through punt return drills on the first full day of practice of the season, Monday, Aug. 12. All local schools started practice this week. Photo: Tim Jagielo

60-year-old local man swims Mackinac Straits

Through tough currents and swells that reached a foot and a half, a 60-year-old Fenton Township man completed a 4.04-mile swim in the chilly waters of the Straits of Mackinac.

David Casadonte of Fenton Township swam the straights in just over two hours.

Submitted photo

By Hannah Ball

I’d love to read a Mark McCabe column on the constitutionality of red flag law. (Editor’s note: that column appeared in the Wednesday, Aug. 14 edition.)

Who cares what other people wear to the grocery store. Mind your own business.

Are there any parent-baby groups in the area?

Please come to the Linden Farmers Market on Wednesdays. There have been some awesome vendors and music, and tables to sit at and enjoy. If you don’t come, they won’t. Support this wonderful event.
Driver injured after car crashes into tree

The Fenton Township Fire Department and Genesee County Sheriff’s Office paramedics responded to a personal injury crash on Rolston Road, just east of Jennings Road in Fenton Township at 5:29 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 15. The male driver was injured when his car crashed into a large tree in the front yard of a home on Rolston Road. He was transported by STAT EMS to an area hospital for medical treatment on non-life threatening injuries. Photo: Fenton Township Fire Department

Linden teen sentenced to 120 days in Oakland County Jail

Genesee County court accepts youthful offender request, removes charges from records

By Sharon Stone

David Christopher Rollins, 17, of Linden pleaded guilty as charged during his arraignment May 15 in Oakland County Circuit Court. He faced one felony count of carrying a concealed weapon and one count of receiving and concealing a weapon.

On Wednesday, Aug. 7, he was sentenced to 120 days in the Oakland County Jail, with credit for 45 days already served. Once released, he will be on probation for two years, during which time he will be prohibited from using drugs or alcohol. He will also be required to undergo substance abuse treatment and mental health treatment.

The Genesee County Prosecutor’s Office had a related case against Rollins. They authorized a five-count felony arrest warrant March 15 against the teen.

On May 30, Rollins was in Genesee County Circuit Court where he agreed to plead guilty as charged. He also requested Michigan’s Holmes Youthful Trainee Act (HYTA), which gives a youthful offender (ages 17 to 23) a chance to keep a criminal offense, including felonies, off his or her record. The court granted the HYTA request.

Case background

As previously reported in the Times, Rollins’ arrest came after area schools were placed on secure mode March 12, while several police departments investigated a report of an unaccounted for Linden teen, Rollins, and four stolen weapons. He was taken into custody and arrested several hours later in Holly.

Rollins’ parents had notified authorities when they discovered guns missing from their home and learned their son had not shown up for school. Local school districts were advised to go into secure mode as a precaution.

Holly police were dispatched to an apartment where Rollins was said to be visiting a friend. While Linden police were en route to investigate, Holly police observed Rollins walk out of an apartment and arrested him. Holly police reported Rollins had a 9mm handgun in his waistband.

All of the weapons reported stolen were recovered. No injuries were reported.
**TAKE AN OUTDOOR SCULPTURE TOUR**

City of Fenton now offers a self-guided brochure for walking and learning about each sculpture.

**By Sally Rummel**

Brush off your sneakers and learn more about the sculptures that dot the city of Fenton.

A new self-guided Outdoor Sculpture Tour brochure/map is now available at city offices and select area businesses, providing sculpture locations, artist biographies, media styles and more.

While participating in this sculpture walking tour, you can learn more about the art, your city and add about one and a quarter miles to your FitBit daily log. The sculptures are on display downtown along LeRoy Street from Silver Lake Road to Shiawassee Avenue.

"You can visit all of the sculptures in under an hour," said John Strayer, who chairs the Fenton Downtown Development Authority’s (DDA) Sculpture Committee and the Fenton Arts & Cultural Commission, which coordinated the brochure effort.

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**Mark my words**

**Old McDonald had a...**

Our United States were really rural in the 1930s. More than half of our residents lived on farms or in “the country.” Farm families labored long hours, with much hand work and sparse equipment, and each farm fed about four people. That’s what is called self-sustaining.

Fast forward 30 years and America was becoming less rural, as more people were moving toward factory jobs in cities. Each farmer in the 1960s produced enough food to feed 26 people. Thanks to innovation, better seed and breeding technology plus bigger equipment, that number nearly tripled in just 10 years. Each 1970s farmer fed 73 people, producing enough grains, fruits, oils, animals and other edible products to provide exports to help feed people around the globe.

Today, fewer than 2 percent of all Americans are farmers — yet each farmer feeds 160 people — all done by about 3 million farmers operating 2 million farms across our nation. Enough food is grown to feed every person in the U.S., plus abundant products remain for export to help feed millions in other lands.

While these are amazing statistics, they shouldn’t surprise anyone. Americans have been innovators and experimenters since our founding nearly 250 years ago. Now it’s done by fewer workers, on less land, led by smarter people using brainpower and technology to give us all types of food at fair, steady prices. We are the envy of the world by doing so much more with less.

But before we pat ourselves on the back, let’s consider how well we’re treating those few American farmers who grow all that food for so many people at such reasonable prices.

A big box of breakfast cereal sells for $4.99 in the grocery store. How much does the farmer get for producing that corn or rice or oats or wheat? About 5 cents per box — or 1 percent of the sales price.

A fresh head of lettuce, maybe selling for $2.29 each? The farmer gets 21 cents, says the U.S. Department of Agriculture. And this goes on and on.

A sirloin steak selling for maybe $9.99 per pound in the store nets the American farmer who produced it about $1.77. And the farmer took all the risks, overseeing handling and production for months while the animal (or crop) grew.

Of course, there are other costs in bringing that $4.99 box of cereal to your store shelf. Besides processing the grain and producing the food in factories, it has to be safely packaged, carefully delivered and sold as soon as possible. That costs something.

But the next time you complain about the cost of foods you buy, don’t blame the American farmer. He or she is only getting a small part of that price you pay for making it all possible.

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**What hobby would you get into if time and money were no object?**

-Lapidary. It’s slicing rocks, cutting them, making them into jewelry. Mott used to have an adult workshop. My mother and grandmother did it and taught us kids.

-Danna Radloff
Fenton Township

-“Horses. I’ve always loved horses. Or animal rescue. If I could, I’d just have 1,000 acres and just save animals.”

-Abigail Darling
Fenton

-“Antiques for me. I think I’m an old soul in a lot of ways. I should have been born in the 1800s.”

-Karri Darling
Fenton

-“I would still stay with what I do now. That’s sewing, quilting and gardening. We have a dry spell. I’ve had to water every day.”

-Elizabeth Binasio
Flint

-“Drumming. Because why not? Ringo is one of my favorites. Actually, I drum now. I’ve been doing it for 45 years.”

-Bob Krueger
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HERE COMES THE left pandering for gun restrictions, using tragedy to push political agenda and disarm the masses. If they really cared about these shootings, they would support proven efforts like Project Exile at the federal level. Instead, they cry that these initiatives have a racial or socioeconomic bias.

YOU DON’T JUST get to declare things as rights. Rights are inherent, not declared. Government merely protects them or not. People honestly need to give back their diplomas and degrees. Read Locke. Read Basista. Jefferson did.

WHEN VOTERS SAY ‘no,’ they mean no. Not OK, try again in a few months. These costly elections shouldn’t allow the schools to keep asking until they get what they wish. Enough.

IF YOU’RE THAT upset about an occasional bicyclist, you aren’t fit to be driving.

ROADS ARE NOT ‘public facilities.’ DDA money must be used in the DDA district.

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Is your child’s book bag too heavy?

By Hannah Ball

Those textbooks for science, history, math and more can take a toll on your child’s shoulders when they’re carried in a backpack.

Too-heavy backpacks can cause poor posture and contribute to scoliosis.

Dr. James Ide at Painless Chiropractic said “absolutely” heavy backpacks are an issue.

“They’re strengthening the wrong muscles in the wrong direction. They’re rounding their shoulders and leaning forward. As kids get older, they use cell phones and look down. It’s all working against their posture,” he said.

Children are experiencing back pain much earlier in life compared to previous generations, according to the American Chiropractic Association, which recommends a child’s backpack should weigh no more than 5 to 10 percent of the child’s body weight.

Ide said the average child is carrying around 40 percent of their body weight. “It causes lower back pain. It can contribute to scoliosis. If their parents don’t know their kid has scoliosis and they’re carrying that extra weight, it can cause harm, too,” Ide said. “Parents should make sure to have their kids screened by a chiropractor to see before they load them up with all that weight.”

Painless Chiropractic actually uses backpacks in treatments occasionally. They have some patients wear the backpack on their front instead of on their back.

“I see more and more so that children are overloaded with backpacks. They’re being required to carry too much stuff.”

Dr. Richard Stork
Painless Chiropractic

Tomek-Eastern Elementary students enter the school building for their first day of school in August 2018. Many wore backpacks their first day.

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Don’t want to go to court? Try mediation

Technique is cost saver for parties with disputes

By Hannah Ball

Not all disputes have to be resolved in a courtroom.

Residents in Genesee County can turn to mediation facilitated by the Community Resolution Center in Flint to solve certain issues.

The center regularly mediates disputes involving family differences, neighbor disagreements, property damage, business and contract disputes, landlord-tenant issues, contested wills and inheritance issues, school truancy, special education cases, divorces, custody and visitation issues, adult guardianship and more.

“Mediation is a low cost, time efficient process that supports people in conflict. Mediators are neutral third parties that facilitate an opportunity for people to help draft their own agreements that end their disputes. When people participate in resolving their own conflict there is a higher level of satisfaction and better chance of improved relationships, as well as having control of the outcome,” said Dayna Harper, executive director of the center.

They see a large number of domestic relations, including divorce and parenting time, breach of contract, landlord/tenant disputes and school problems.

More than 600 cases are mediated at the center each year, and 70 to 80 percent of cases reach a resolution. Most issues are resolved in one meeting.

The center first makes sure both parties agree to the mediation. Then they schedule a meeting, which usually takes one to two weeks. Each party will have an opportunity to express their thoughts and concerns without interruption, according to the center’s website.

It’s up to the participants to design a solution that works for both parties. Mediators help them talk constructively, not tell the parties what to do.

The mediators then write the agreement, which the participants sign. It becomes a legally binding agreement.

If the parties cannot come up with a solution, the issue could be taken to court.

It costs each party a $100 fee due prior to the mediation. Participants who cancel with less than 48 hours notice will be charged $25. Some programs, such as special education mediation, educational neglect and parenting time complaints do not require a fee.

The center is one of 18 non-profit mediation centers in Michigan primarily funded by the State Court Administrative Office of the Michigan Supreme Court in the state of Michigan. They receive additional funding through Special Education Mediation Services (SEMS) and rely on donations.

Judge Mark McCabe, who serves at the Fenton court, said “absolutely” mediation is a helpful tool. It’s already part of the court system.

“We have used it in the past for most cases that have been in our court, and if the case hasn’t been resolved after mediation, at least it gives everyone a very good idea of what the other side’s position is. It is valuable,” he said.

According to Michigan Court Rules, Chapter 8 — Administrative Rules of the Court, Rule 2.411 covers the law for court mediators. It outlines requirements for mediators, scheduling, settlement and more.

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BACKPACKS
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Dr. Richard Stork from Fenton Chiropractic said, “I see more and more so that children are overloaded with backpacks. They’re being required to carry too much stuff.”

He’s heard complaints from middle and high school students that they carry multiple class books with them because they don’t always have enough time to go back to their locker between classes.

“As a standard rule, it shouldn’t weigh more than 15 percent of your body weight. With younger kids, if it makes your child lean forward, it’s too heavy. That’s true for everybody, but especially with younger children. It’s not going to be favorable when they’re developing bone structure and you have that repetitive stress every day,” Stork said. “When you’re asking them to do it all the time, it’s going to cause problems in the long run.”

Sutterhealth.org suggests a child’s backpack should not weigh more than 10 to 20 percent of their body weight. One way to calculate how heavy the bag should be is to multiply your child’s weight by .15. That number is the maximum weight that person should carry on their back.

A 50-pound child can carry a bag up to 7.5 pounds. Someone’s who is 100 pounds shouldn’t carry more than 15 pounds in a backpack, and someone who’s 150 pounds shouldn’t carry more than 22.5 pounds.

Solutions and tips

• One solution is to buy a backpack with wheels to completely take the weight off the shoulders.
• Sutterhealth.org suggests buying a bag with wide, padded straps to minimize the pressure on the shoulders and collarbones. Carry the backpack on both shoulders and bend both knees instead of leaning over when hoisting it on your back.
• Encourage your child to use the locker to lessen the load between classes, and pack the heaviest item closest to the center of the back to minimize additional strain.

Source: sutterhealth.org

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I HOPE THAT Linden City residents are paying attention to what the Loose Senior Center Board is planning for its vacant land. This could change the neighborhoods forever, and not in a good way. Almost 50 new homes and a large medical/fitness center. Voice your concerns to the Loose Board and Linden City Council.

OBSERVING THE DEMOCRAT presidential candidates is like watching a 20-car pileup, where the costs are prohibitive and lives will be seriously affected or ruined. Remember that generations of Americans fought big government Socialism and died for the cause to protect freedom, prosperity, and opportunities in America.

FOR THE MILLION and ‘oneth’ time, the party pushing so hard to bring in illegals isn’t doing so out of an altruistic intent, they want the votes. They get them by bribing and enticing these people with ‘free everything’ then put them in barrios and ghettos. Driver’s licenses act as proof of ID to allow the voting. What don’t you get about that?

I CAN TALK about the misleading comments on bankruptcy and medical expenses as I’ve been in medical field for 40-plus years. I’ve seen a lot of bankruptcies where medical expenses were included in the court decision, but these medical bills were minor and not the cause of bankruptcy. It is rare to see people bankrupt due primarily to medical bills.

CONCERNING BEACON AND Bridge request for rezoning? Let’s reward them with thousands of dollars? Let’s reward them with rezoning?
Is mine the old stone cutter’s house?

Geography was always one of my favorite subjects in school. Many people assume English was my favorite subject because I am a writer. Not so, English was a necessity, a means to an end, not something I seriously enjoyed. Really, who can get excited about dangling particles and misplaced modifiers!

I loved history, too, but rather than U.S. History, I enjoyed (and still do) learning about small town history. Sometimes, when I’m bored, I will look on a U.S. map and pick out any old town in any state. I will Google that town’s name and think, “what’s your story?” I have never been disappointed. I have learned something interesting about every town I’ve looked up. It’s a silly game that takes only a few minutes. Hey, some people do word puzzles, I look up towns.

According to the National Geographic Society, geography seeks to understand where things are found, why they are there, and how they develop and change over time.

I live on the south side of the city of Fenton, less than a half mile from the Tyrone Township border. My historic home faces Oakwood Cemetery. Sometimes when I’m sitting on the front porch looking at the cemetery across the street, I think about how the wooded 34 acres that serves as the resting place for so many was once forest land, originally occupied by Indians. How they lived there with their families, and hunted for food from among an abundance of wildlife.

Since buying our house, I heard a story (that I have not been able to corroborate) about an old stone cutter who lived near the forest on the south side of town (location is right). In the dark of the wee hours of the night, Indians from the nearby woods would come around to the back of his house and get their whiskey. When the old stone cutter died and the house changed ownership, I heard the Indians became very upset.

Since the oldest part of my home is made up of some very thick stone, and was the only house on our road since it was built in 1860 to the 1950s when the rest of the houses on the block were built, I can’t help but wonder if we live in that old stone cutter’s house.

I have a feeling about that. If he did live in our house, I know exactly where his easy chair might have been located in the main parlor. I know because it’s the corner where I have an easy chair, the only chair that our dog usually won’t go near, but when he does whines and cries. It’s a very creepy mournful sound.

Maybe a sip of whiskey will calm him down. 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.

VERA HOGAN

Langco Jewelers opens in Holly

Tracy Renea Lang has opened Langco Jewelers at 113 Saginaw St., Ste. A, in downtown Holly, across from the Marathon gas station. Her shop will offer diamonds, studs, wedding bands, engagement rings, vintage, gold and silver coins, estate pieces, repair services, watch batteries, amazing unique items and fashion jewelry. “There is something for everyone,” she said.

Lang has been in the jewelry business for more than 12 years and chose this location because she loves the downtown Holly area and community. She is excited to provide her services to the area. “We could not make it possible without the continued support from the community and buying local in your own hometown,” she said. “Much thanks to all the wonderful community members giving us encouragement, buying local and just simply saying we are so glad you are here.”
When a child can save a life

Running for help, calling 911, bandaging a wound are critical abilities

By Tim Jagielo
Lake Fenton — On Friday, Aug. 2, Patriot Ambulance Service made a stop at Lake Fenton Middle School for children ages 3 to 12 in the Lake Fenton Community Schools Childcare Program.

No one was injured — the first responders were there to teach the children the basics of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). The children asked questions and explored the inside of an ambulance with paramedic Joe Seekings and EMT Crystal Seekings.

It’s never too early to teach children what to do in case of an emergency. “We have all seen and heard coverage about young children calling 911 and this is an important lesson,” said Red Cross Service Delivery Instructor Michael Hussar of Fenton.

STAT EMS Chief Operating Officer Joe Karlichek said he’s had a number of calls where a child recognized a medical emergency with a parent at a critical moment and called 911. They should also know who to run to for help.

This is the bedrock of teaching children what to do in case of an emergency. Joe Seekings started by asking the kids why they might need to call 911. He told them that they could also text 911.

Before an emergency

Hussar said children should know their full name, their full home address along with knowing when and how to call for help. He said each family should have an established emergency plan. It should include an evacuation plan with a meeting place and an alternate location in case the primary spot is not available. Everyone should know where the first-aid kit is located and what it contains.

When should you call 911?

Obvious times a child (or anyone) should call 911 include house fires, bleeding or if someone is unconscious. “To a young child, the unresponsive or unconscious person might appear to be sleeping but if they cannot wake that person up, then it is an emergency,” Hussar said.

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LOOKING BACK
at this week in
HISTORY

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AUG. 18
1988: The Honorable Gary M. Little shoots himself just hours before the “Seattle Post-Intelligencer” releases an article accusing him of abusing his power by sexually exploiting juvenile defendants who appeared before him. The front-page article also suggested that he had exploited his teenage students as a teacher in the 1960s and 1970s.

AUG. 19
2011: Three men, Damien Echols, Jason Baldwin and Jessie Misskelley, who were convicted as teenagers in 1994 of the murders of three boys in Arkansas, are released from prison in a special legal deal allowing them to maintain their innocence while acknowledging that prosecutors had sufficient evidence to convict them. Echols, 36, had been on death row, while Baldwin, 34, and Misskelley, 36, were serving life sentences. Collectively known as the “West Memphis Three,” the men had always maintained their innocence, and questions about the evidence used to convict them had persisted for years.

AUG. 20
1920: Seven men, including legendary all-around athlete and football star Jim Thorpe, meet to organize a professional football league at the Jordan and Hupmobile Auto Showroom in Canton, Ohio. The meeting led to the creation of the American Professional Football Conference (APFC), the forerunner to the hugely successful National Football League.

AUG. 21
1959: The modern United States receives its crowning star when President Dwight D. Eisenhower signs a proclamation admitting Hawaii into the Union as the 50th state. The president also issued an order for an American flag featuring 50 stars arranged in staggered rows: five six-star rows and four five-star rows. The new flag became official July 4, 1960.

AUG. 22
1992: In the second day of a standoff at Randy Weaver’s remote northern Idaho cabin atop Ruby Ridge, FBI sharpshooter Lon Horiuchi wounds Randy Weaver and Kevin Harris, and then kills Weaver’s wife, Vicki. Randy Weaver, an alleged white supremacist had been targeted by the federal government for selling two illegal sawed-off shotguns to an undercover Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) informant. After a period of surveillance, U.S. marshals came upon Harris, Weaver, Weaver’s 14-year-old son Sammy and the family dog on a road near the Weaver property. A marshal shot and killed the dog, prompting Sammy to fire at the marshal. In the ensuing gun battle, Sammy and U.S. Marshal Michael Degan were shot and killed. A tense standoff ensued, and on Aug. 22, the FBI joined the marshals besieging Ruby Ridge.

AUG. 23
1902: Pioneering cookbook author Fannie Farmer, who changed the way Americans prepare food by advocating the use of standardized measurements in recipes, opens Miss Farmer’s School of Cookery in Boston. In addition to teaching women about cooking, Farmer later educated medical professionals about the importance of proper nutrition for the sick.

AUG. 24
1814: During the War of 1812 between the United States and England, British troops enter Washington, D.C. and burn the White House in retaliation for the American attack on the city of York in Ontario, Canada, in June 1812. When the British arrived at the White House, they found that President James Madison and his first lady Dolley had already fled to safety in Maryland.

Source: history.com

CALANDER OF EVENTS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

WEEKLY FISH FRY
The Curtis Wolverton VFW Post 3242 and its Auxiliary, at 1148 N. LeRoy Street, Fenton, announced that its Friday Fish Fry is now open each Friday, from 4 to 7 p.m. It is open to the public.

HARTLAND AUDUBON NATURE CLUB POTLUCK DINNER
The Hartland Audubon Nature Club will hold its potluck dinner and program on “Yosemite Park,” by Gordon Lonie on Tuesday, Sept. 3, at 6:30 p.m., at the Hartland Senior Center, 9525 E. Highland Rd. For more information, go to hartlandaudubon.weebly.com.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS sounds generous and may buy some votes, but what about the families that sacrificed to pay for their children’s education, or those who took years to get their degree because they worked their way through. Shouldn’t they get tuition rebates, too? If they don’t, they are being made to pay twice to help those who took the easy way.

FENTON TOWNSHIP NEEDS a noxious weed commission. Have you noticed the thistles growing everywhere and now blooming and the seeds being scattered by the wind? They take root very easily in your garden, your lawn, flowerbeds and everywhere and are very difficult to destroy due to their root systems.

THE U.S. CONSTITUTION does not allow Congress to make laws of the following: minimum wage, education policies, teacher salaries, reparations to African Americans, pay off college debts, ban fossil fuels, lower drug prices, Medicare for all, free health care for illegals, open borders. If a Democrat is elected, Congress will be a legislative dictatorship.

CHINA OWNS 25 percent of the United States’ trillion-dollar debt.
HOT LINE CONTINUED

WAS AT MR. Gabrielson’s presentation Tuesday about Loose Center development plans. I don’t want it, don’t like it, and don’t need it. We have a nice center. Just concentrate on keeping it that way. And what a lousy thing to do to all the people who live around the center. This would just make you bad neighbors.

SO THE CITY tax assessor is snooping around my property, moving around under my deck, taking pictures in the back yard, looking in windows and even opening my shed. Is this acceptable? I thought they needed to make themselves known. I consider this trespassing.

I CHANGED MY bathroom fixtures last year from gold to brushed nickel. Now gold is back. I changed cupboards 18 years ago from dark wood to oak. Dark came back along with white, gray, blue and green. Oak should be next. My house will be half updated. You can never keep up.

LOOSE CENTER
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At the Monday, Aug. 5 Linden City Council work session, Carl Gabrielson, Loose executive director, talked with the council about dissolving the original interlocal agreement in order to sell a portion of the land to Wellsprings, a company that develops senior living facilities. The senior center has been in talks with Wellsprings for 11 years about developing the land to the west of the center and to the south.

Gabrielson said Wellsprings wants to develop a $20-million housing project with a two-story 15,000-square-foot wellness center with a gym and walking track on property that Loose currently owns.

“With the new project we propose, with a partnership, and what they’re bringing to the center, it will enrich the center even more. Population and membership will go up,” he said.

Loose Center currently has a proposed contract with Wellsprings. Gabrielson said the company has offered them $30,000 an acre and purchased the property just south of the Loose Center from a private citizen. They’ve also completed a wetland study.

However, the original document that established Loose currently prevents the board from selling the land.

The original interlocal agreement

More than two decades ago, siblings Fred and Grace Loose produced the will that gave $300,000 for a senior center in Linden. Since there was no senior center in Linden at the time, the city held onto the money. There was a group of seniors who were trying to develop a center.

Gabrielson said there was a series of things that had to be done before they could get the money.

“There was an agreement amongst five municipalities,” he said. It was the cities of Linden, Fenton, and the townships of Fenton, Tyrone and Argentine. The agreement was for these entities to find a way to fund a senior center.

The five entities got together and developed an agreement for fund-
SWIMS
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Mackinac for the 2019 Mighty Mac Swim on Sunday, Aug. 11.
David Casadonte came in 94th out of 400 swimmers. His time was two hours, 10 minutes and 51 seconds.
“I don’t use the word ‘epic’ too often, but to me that was,” he said.
Swimming the Straits of Mackinac is a higher level of difficulty than swimming in a pool.
Casadonte trained since April of this year swimming in Lake Ponemah and at the Hartland Aquatic Center with a few other swimmers who also finished the Mighty Mac this year. He swam in high school and then did the sport recreationally in the following years.
Doing the Mighty Mac Swim was “a bucket list thing,” he said.
It cost $375 to enter. Casadonte said he wished to thank Kirk Laue, owner of Luigi’s Restaurant in Flint, for helping to sponsor him.
Casadonte said the event was well organized. The cost included a place to stay the night before, a spaghetti dinner, a band, fireworks and more.
The morning of the swim, swimmers had to check in at 4:15 a.m. The boat left at 6 a.m. sharp, which carried all 400 swimmers. Wearing a wetsuit was mandatory.
Casadonte said four veterans of the swim spearheaded the group.
The course started at the Lower Peninsula on the east side of the bridge.
Until that morning, Casadonte said it was to-be-determined which side they would swim on due to the conditions.
“The west side would have been better,” he said, adding that they were told that the conditions were “favorable” that day. “You had to occasionally look up to get your bearings.”
Swimmers wore different colored bathing caps depending on their skill level, and everyone was required to swim with a colorful bag tied around their waist that floated behind them. Participants used them to store water and food. They each had a whistle they could blow if they became distressed, and the Coast Guard established and enforced a “safety zone” to keep people on track and help stragglers, according to mightymacswim.com.
“They took a lot of precautions. They made sure they didn’t lose anyone,” Casadonte said.
Swimmers had four hours to complete the swim. They were required to cross the first checkpoint, which was the south tower of the Mackinac Bridge, within one hour and 30 minutes. The second checkpoint, which was the north bridge tower, had to be reached within two hours and 15 minutes.
If swimmers didn’t meet these checkpoints, they were pulled from the water.
Toward the end, kayakers were out to steer people toward the finish line on shore.
“I was trying to keep a steady pace. It felt like I was alone a lot of the time, but at the end, people were getting bunched together and it turned into a race,” he said. “When you exit, it was kind of rocky. It felt good to finish, that’s for sure. I could barely stand up when I first got out.”
He received a shirt and a medal for finishing, and some of his friends and family were at the finish line to support him.
“A lot of people said it was crazy,” he said. “Once I put my mind to something, I’m gonna’ do it.”
HOT LINE CONTINUED

FOR MY NEIGHBOR who uses his fire pit every Saturday night. The smoke drifts all around your neighbors’ homes and whatever you are burning smells terrible. Please have some consideration for those who live near you.

IF YOU HAVE a plot in the Loose Center community garden, please only pick what you are growing in your plot. Others work hard in their sections and it is not fair for them to discover that some of their produce has been taken. Have a conscience and only take what you grow.

A WELL-REGULATED militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed. Gun rights activists, to what well-regulated militia do you belong, U.S. National Guard units and U.S. military Reserve units only?

AS A RESIDENT on Lobdell Road, could whoever establishes speed limits take into consideration a speed limit of 35 or 45 mph with plenty of signs to inform drivers between Silver Lake Road and Linden Road? Take down the 55 mph sign at Silver Lake and Lobdell Road, too.

IRONICALLY, YOU ARGUED with ‘life’ and ‘happiness’ as the rights you would be unable to pursue if ill and didn’t include ‘liberty’ because you know the right to liberty is the right to be independent as an individual. You can’t have a right to pursue ‘life’ and ‘happiness’ at the expense of another’s liberty. You can’t pick and choose.
Meet Buddy

- School therapy dog
- Adores children
- Loves to run and play

By Vera Hogan

Buddy is a miniature male Goldendoodle, a trained therapy dog at State Road Elementary School in the Fenton Area Public Schools district. He is 1-1/2 years old, but in dog years he says he is about “woof, woof, woof, woof, woof, woof, woof, woof, woof, woof, woof!” That’s 11 to the rest of us.

How did you get the name Buddy?

Obviously, it’s because I am a great friend, a pal, a buddy to everyone, especially children. I adore children!

Where did you come from?

I came from a wonderful breeder near Swartz Creek, who specializes in mini goldendoodles. Puppies are born in their home and given lots of love and attention. They are around children and other pets every day to get them ready to join their new family.

What is a goldendoodle?

I am a cross between a golden retriever and poodle. My ancestors before me have been bred in North America and Australia since the mid-1990s. We are wonderful family dogs—friendly, intelligent, affectionate and easy to train. In case you didn’t notice, I have a very handsome apricot coat.

When did you begin your training to become a therapy dog?

I started training to be a School Therapy Dog at 8 weeks old and completed training when I was 11 months old. Fred Saber from Wing & Shot Dog Training in Ortonville taught me everything I needed to know to get started. I began my duties at State Road in December of 2018.

Was that expensive and who paid for it?

All initial costs for me and the training were paid for by fundraising and generous donations by some awesome community businesses and families. All continuing expenses are covered by our awesome PTO and my handler, Mr. Barry Tiemann. I am “owned” by the Fenton school district and covered under their insurance policy.

Do you ever get to go out in public?

I get to attend different community events like the Fenton Freedom Festival Parade on the Fourth of July. That was lots of fun. Since I can’t do a parade wave, I had to settle for wagging my tail a lot.

Does anything make you sad?

Well yes, when it smells like someone is in the kitchen cooking sausage or bacon and I don’t get a piece!

To students read, and help students feel better when they are down. I have also attended district administrator meetings (boring) and had a ton of fun playing with students at AGS Middle School during a special event they had last school year.

Who is your handler?

My handler is State Road’s principal, Mr. Barry Tiemann. He doesn’t get paid, but he does get to take me outside to do my duty and clean up my messes.

Where do you live?

I stay with Mr. Tiemann and his family when I’m not in school. He and his family love me and they have a big yard where I can run around and play catch.

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The Fenton Arts & Cultural Commission has recently created an Outdoor Sculpture Tour, providing a brochure/map that will take residents and visitors on a tour of the city’s sculptures.

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Behind Your Design in Fenton created the brochures, which were funded by the DDA.

A total of 18 sculptures are listed, including art pieces that now have a permanent place on the city of Fenton’s landscape. Some of these sculptures include “The Game” by Oleg Kadria, “The Librarian” by James Havens, “Steel Butterfly” by James Havens, “Rubik’s Cube” by Marie Brown, “Pescado II” by Mike Sohikian and “Large Graceful Dancer” by James Havens. Some were purchased by the DDA, while others were made possible through private donations.

Nine new sculptures were added this past spring in the seventh year of the city’s sculpture program, funded by the DDA. These pieces were installed and removed by Flatlanders Sculpture Supply of Blissfield. The nine sculptures were rented for a cost of $15,621 or $1,735.66 each.

“The Game,” donated by Phil and Jocelyn Hagerman of Fenton Township in 2016, is the most talked about and photographed sculpture downtown, Strayer said.

Another interesting sculpture story that walking tour visitors will note is “The Psychiatrist is In,” by Jennifer Meyer, a practicing behavioral therapist.

“Her sculpture is made combining found and discarded objects,” Strayer said. “Comparing her art work and her therapy, she said, ‘Just because someone or something has been used, discarded, abandoned or rejected does not mean there is no longer any value or potential. What is needed for recovery is time and attention to construct a new perspective.’”

**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

**WORD OF CAUTION** to ‘laughing Democrat’ claiming party isn’t socialist. Your ignorance is showing. Socialism is government control of production and distribution of economic goods. Single payer health care, which 19 of 24 candidates support, enacts government control of the entire healthcare industry. Yes, Democrats are socialists.

**WRITER CLAIMING CHICAGO is not an example of gun law failure. Your comment disproves your point. You claim, ‘guns can be bought outside the city and brought into the city.’ Not legally. Guns from somewhere else violate Chicago law. But since gun laws fail, Chicago is mired in violence.**

**SORRY TO BRING reality into the conversation. To the Hot-liner writing, ‘you cannot pursue life or happiness if you are ill or dying due to the lack of health care.’ From the moment you are born, you are dying. No amount of health care will prevent your death.**

**HYPOCRISY ALERT: AT every opportunity, Democrats attempt to overturn legislation and election results they don’t like. Yet, when Republicans seek federal review of Michigan’s anti-gerrymandering legislation, they are cheaters.**

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TORNADO
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Rob and Kristen Wolosonowich, who lived at 602 E. Ellen St., weren’t home at the time of the Fenton tornado 12 years ago. Rob’s mother, Alma Wolosonowich, was set to babysit her granddaughters Myla and Meg, then 9 and 5, and another grandson, Adam, age 6. However, she wasn’t at the Wolosonowich house when Kristen stopped by to drop off the three kids.

It turned out to be a blessing in disguise. Kristen took all three kids with her to her job coaching volleyball at Linden High School. Due to a big impending storm and sirens going off, players and coaches were herded into the cafeteria to take cover.

“We heard sirens and saw the storm, but it passed by us very quickly in Linden,” Kristen said.

On their way back to Fenton, police were on Owen Road, re-directing traffic to U.S. 23. “I rolled down the window to ask what was going on and (then Officer) Jason Slater said that a tornado hit. I gave him my address and he said, East Ellen Street? It was one of the worst areas hit by the tornado.”

Kristen drove home with a “fight or flight” response, zigzagging around fallen trees and wires to get to Ellen Street.

“My mother-in-law was there, having pulled Ginger (the dog) into the basement,” Kristen said. “She couldn’t breathe because of the bariatric pressure. She said the tornado sounded like a freight train and she literally thought she was going to die. Then it hit and passed.”

Their home’s windows were blown out and much of the interior sustained water damage and broken glass. “It took the whole front of the house,” she said. “Every media (outlet) was in our front yard, including CNN, flying overhead.”

For Kristen, her only thought was, “Thank you, Jesus, my kids were with me and not at home when this happened.”

Facing the Fenton tornado took her back to the many stories she was told growing up about the Flint-Beecher Tornado in Flint.

Her mom, Jana Sullivan, was just 2 years old when the Flint-Beecher Tornado struck their north Flint neighborhood June 8, 1953. At about 8:30 p.m., it touched down near Linden Road and roared east along Coldwater Road.

Winds surpassed 200 miles per hour and cut a path a half-mile wide. Their street, Kurtz Avenue, was one of the hardest hit streets.

Kristen’s great-grandmother, Clara Atwell, was babysitting Kristen’s mom, Jana, age 2, and her other 2-year-old grandson, Greg, at the time. She laid over both of them in the family’s bathtub to protect them.

Wolosonowich’s grandmother, Lois Sullivan, lost several of her neighbors and best friends to the tornado, which claimed 116 lives and injured 844. She became deathly afraid of storms and used to listen to the Weather Channel 24/7, Kristen said. “We kids used to kind of laugh about it. We had never heard of PTSD (post traumatic stress disorder) back then, but that’s exactly what it was.”

Kristen definitely learned empathy for her grandmother after her own experience with a tornado.

“My biggest take-away from this was not to take things for granted,” she said. “I had my kids with me, my mother-in-law and my dog were safe, that’s what mattered.”

What are the most disaster-prone cities in the U.S.?
1. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
2. San Diego, California
3. San Jose, California
4. Houston, Texas
5. Madeira, California
6. Riverside-San Bernadino, California
7. Santa Cruz, California
8. Huntsville, Alabama

Source: USA Today

Chiropractor Dr. James Callard is celebrating 25 years in business. He is unique in offering services like nutrition response testing to address issues chiropractic care can’t fix. From left are Callard, Michelle McLeod, office manager and Wendy Kozlowski, chiropractor’s assistant. Photo: Tim Jagielo

The Callard Clinic — 25 years, 940,000 adjustments

By Tim Jagielo

Dr. James Callard was a roofer before he became a chiropractor. Now he’s celebrating 25 years in business with The Callard Clinic. He said he’s done 940,000 adjustments in that time. “You can’t substitute experience,” he said.

Callard’s philosophy is simple. “You find the problem, fix it in three to nine visits and then the body heals itself,” he said. “It’s not about the money; it’s about getting them back to doing what they want to do in the quickest amount of time for the least amount of money.” He admits he’s “old school” in this philosophy.

At his clinic, he offers chiropractic care, but also Nutrition Response Testing (NRT), massage therapy and even acupuncture. Peripheral neuropathy, pain in hands and feet, can also be treated by Callard.

His goal is to treat the whole person without the use of medication and let the body heal itself, and provide only as much treatment as they need.

He also offers consignment agreement rates for patients not using health insurance.

The Callard Clinic is at 873 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Phone: (810) 629-5566. Visit them online at thecallardclinic.com.
WHAT YOU MISSED IN THE MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following are stories you may have missed in the Wednesday, Aug. 14, Midweek Times. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

Drawbridge taken out
Argentine Township supervisor pleased with recent development.

Paramedic charged with stealing meds
Genesee County Sheriff’s Office investigates tampering of controlled substance vials.

Fenton to dump $850,000-plus into DPW vehicles
Sewer cleaning truck and two dump trucks have reached end of service life.

Beacon & Bridge asks to expand
Plans would double the number of pumps, include large convenience store.

$8.2 million upgrade for local ‘community resource’
Mott campus renovations impact law enforcement and occupational therapy students.

Bush Park (series on Fenton City parks)
Bush Park, which is accessed by Jefferson Street to the west and N. LeRoy Street to the east is a haven for year-round activities.

Safety Town educates children for 24th year
Buses, intersections, crossing the street, stranger danger and poison all covered in training for youngsters entering school.

SAVE A LIFE
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He said that children should call 911 anytime they feel they cannot handle the situation. Examples include someone who is having trouble breathing or if they’re bleeding severely or vomiting blood. Other situations include suspected heart attack, seizure, severe burns especially on the chest, the neck or the face, suspected poisoning, sweating profusely, changes in a person’s behavior or appearance such as their skin looks and feels.

What first aid should a child know?
At the American Red Cross, formal education starts at age 11 with Babysitter Training Class.

However, there are a number of things a younger child can do. For Husar, the first thing is knowing when they or someone else needs help. A child can learn to handle minor cuts and scrapes themselves until help arrives. They learn about pressure dressing a wound; to wrap an arm, leg or hand and elevate it.

“We’re not going to teach them how to splint a broken bone or apply a cardiac monitor,” he said. But they will teach how to help in an emergency, like grabbing a towel, applying pressure to and elevating an injured area and calling 911.

“It can truly save someone’s life,” Karlichek said.

Magna Electronics invests $50 million in new facility
Magna Electronics celebrates the grand opening Wednesday, Aug. 14, of its new, state-of-the-art, 230,000-square-foot facility at 10345 N. Holly Rd., in Grand Blanc Township. The $50-million facility combines 21st-century manufacturing with people-first workplace design and functionality. It will serve as a global development and manufacturing center for advanced driver assistance systems including cameras, components and other electronic products. Photo submitted

HOT LINE CONTINUED
I WON’T BE praying for ‘Moscow Mitch’ with the broken shoulder since he stopped legislation that would punish Russia for intrusions in our democracy.

I HAVE TO laugh when I come across someone who is not fearful of the radical Socialist agenda espoused by the Democratic candidates such as open borders, support for sanctuary cities and illegal aliens, free college and healthcare, dangerous abortion and taxation plans, and massive governmental control of the U.S.

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Seychelles, East Africa

115 granite and coral islands are in the western Indian Ocean, off the east coast of Africa.

**By Vera Hogan**

If you were paying attention in geography class, you know that an “archipelago” is a group of islands, located in a sea or large body of water. Now that you’re an adult, making all kinds of money, don’t you think you should visit one?

The Seychelles, pronounced “Say-Shells,” would be a great choice. The Seychelles’ 115 granite and coral islands are located in the western Indian Ocean, off the east coast of Africa.

The Seychelles represent timeless beauty, tranquility and harmony that is famous for its world class beaches and for its great diversity, from lush forests down to the warm azure ocean.

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“Transcendence” is an outdoor sculpture by Keith Jellum in Portland, Oregon. It depicts a fish flying through the brickwork above Southpark Seafood at the northwestern corner of Southwest Salmon Street and Southwest Park Avenue in downtown Portland. The sculpture measures 11 feet long and is made of hand forged and welded bronze.

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HISTORY
Seychelles is a comparatively young nation which can trace its first settlement back to 1770 when the islands were first settled by the French, leading a small party of whites, Indians and Africans. The islands remained in French hands until the defeat of Napoleon at Waterloo, evolving from humble beginnings to attain a population of 3,500 by the time Seychelles was ceded to Britain under the treaty of Paris in 1814. Under the British, Seychelles achieved a population of some 7,000 by the year 1825. Seychelles achieved independence from Britain in 1976 and became a republic within the commonwealth.

SOCIETY
The granitic islands of the Seychelles archipelago cluster around the main island of Mahé, home to the international airport and the capital, Victoria, and its neighbouring islands of Praslin and La Digue. Together, these Inner Islands form the cultural and economic hub of the nation and contain the majority of Seychelles’ tourism facilities as well as its most stunning beaches.

CULTURE
The cosmopolitan Seychellois are a colorful blend of people of different races, cultures and religions. At different times in its history, people of African, European and Asian origin have come to Seychelles, bringing with them their distinct traditions and customs and contributing to the way of life and to the vibrant Seychellois culture.

CLIMATE
The Seychelles’ climate is always warm and does not reach extremes of heat or cold. All but the remotest southern islands lie outside the cyclone belt making Seychelles a year round destination for sun worshippers and beach lovers.

It is generally cooler when the northwest trade winds blow during the months of November to March. The sea is generally calm and the weather warm and humid. A larger amount of the annual rainfall falls during the months of December to February compared to other months. The average number of rainy days in December, January and February are 18, 17 and 11 days respectively. It is also fairly cloudy at times during those months. The months of May to October bring drier, cooler weather, and livelier seas, particularly on southeastern coasts.

FLORA AND FAUNA
Seychelles is a living museum of natural history and a sanctuary for some of the rarest species of flora and fauna on earth. With almost 50 percent of its limited landmass set aside as national parks and reserves, Seychelles prides itself on its record for far sighted conservation policies that have resulted in an enviable degree of protection for the environment and the varied ecosystems it supports. From the smallest frog to the heaviest land tortoise and the only flightless bird of the Indian Ocean, Seychelles nurtures an amazing array of endemic species within surrounds of exceptional natural beauty.

GETTING THERE
Getting there will usually involve long flight times and two or three stops along the way. Depending on the flights taken, the total flight time could take from 24 to 34 hours. The total cost of airfare ranges from about $1,977 to $2,138. Your best bet would be to check with your travel agent to help create your best travel itinerary. (See page 21, Lifestyles front.)

ACCOMMODATIONS
A wide range of affordable, new and refurbished hotels, self-caterings and charming Creole guesthouses are joining the ranks of existing 5-star hotels and exclusive island retreats to offer memorable stays among welcoming Creole people and stunning natural surroundings. Sixteen of Seychelles’ 115 islands currently offer accommodation with more charm and are expected to develop hotel facilities in the near future.

ISLAND CUISINE
Common foods and dishes include fish, seafood and shellfish dishes, often accompanied with rice. Fish dishes are cooked in several ways, such as steamed, grilled, wrapped in banana leaves, baked, salted and smoked. Curry dishes with rice are also a significant aspect of the country’s cuisine.

PACKING SUGGESTIONS
- Shorts/quick dry fabric is great
- T-shirts/short sleeve shirts/quick-dry shirts
- Light weight long sleeve shirts (for cold mornings)
- Light weight long pair of pants/quick dry fabric is great
- Layers of clothing — it will go from very cold to very warm every morning, day and night
- Rain protection gear (poncho is fine but rain jacket better)
- Wide brimmed hat/baseball cap
- Sandals/flip flops for lodges, pool and exploring
- Comfortable running/tennis shoes/hiking shoes
- Closed toe hiking sandals or sturdy water shoes
- Bathing suit(s)
- Sunglasses, prescription glasses, and a spare pair

Sources: seychelles.travel; photoflytravel.org
Fenton’s Murphy leads our girls soccer team

Second-Team All-State performer scored 30 goals for the Tigers’ Metro championship squad

By David Troppens
Matt Sullivan has known Lauren Murphy since she was about 8 years old.
This spring, about 10 years later, Murphy concluded her soccer career as a senior captain for the Fenton Tigers. During that period, one thing never changed.
“I’ve been coaching her and her sisters since they were 8 or 9 coming to Tiger Soccer Camp,” Sullivan said. “I’ve known them forever. It’s funny, but ever since the first time I watched her play she’s always been a goal scorer. That’s a hard thing to coach. Players either have the ability to finish or not, and this year she was phenomenal. She didn’t miss opportunities.”

Murphy had an outstanding senior season, scoring 25 goals and dishing off 10 assists, while leading the Tigers to a Flint Metro League title, a Division 2 district crown and a trip to a Division 2 regional title contest against Flint Powers. Her efforts helped her become a first-team All-Metro selection and a Second Team All-State pick. It also helped earn one more honor. Murphy, the 2019 Fenton graduate, is our 2019 Tri-County Girls Soccer Player of the Year.
“From a young age I loved playing and being able to go out and play with my team,” Murphy said. “There are so many girls and a variety of different people to meet on a team. It’s always been super fun and I loved soccer from the start.”

Murphy has always been a strong performer, but...
MURPHY
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she elevated her play this spring, almost doubling her career goal scoring output with her 25 goals this year. She entered the year with 30 goals. Murphy said soccer was her top memory of her prep career.

“Fenton soccer is my favorite part of high school,” Murphy said. “Sullivan did a great job putting the kids together and building a team not all about soccer, but based on chemistry and love. The chemistry we had was amazing. We were super blessed to play Fenton soccer.”

Murphy, who is going to Michigan State but won’t be continuing her soccer career while there, said soccer has been a great education tool.

“Growing up playing soccer taught me a lot about myself and how confident I can be when you put the effort into it. All the results show that good things can come if you put passion and effort in it.”

Effort has never been a problem for Murphy.

“What sets her aside from other goal scorers is how hard she worked to win the ball,” Sullivan said. “A lot of her goals were just on plays where she outworked the defense.

“She set the bar in terms of our effort and how hard the team works. I can’t tell you how many times I told players and the team as whole to match her effort. Being the star player doesn’t mean you don’t have to work hard. They say if your hardest working player is not your best player, then you are in trouble. But she was our hardest working player, and that’s what I’m going to miss.”

Her effort helped lead Murphy to one of the greatest offensive games in Fenton history when the Tigers clinched the league title during a 6-1 victory against the Dragons. Murphy ended up scoring all six goals, with many needing her full effort to score.

“Her six-goal game against Swartz Creek was a special day and those were hard working goals,” Sullivan said. “That game will always stick out for me.”

The game that sticks out for Murphy was another key Metro win during her junior season against Flushing.

“We were down two early in the half, ended up getting a goal before halftime and came back and won 4-2. That was definitely one of my favorite memories, winning the Metro at home.”

Murphy provided Tigers’ fans many memories for four years. They’ll be missed next spring.

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see during the season. Yet, it seems more of these games are televised every season. I can’t figure it out.

Lake Fenton in the Metro League
I can’t wait to see how this shakes out. The Blue Devils face area schools in many sports already, but now in a lot of those sports the contests will be part of a league race. We have Lake Fenton traveling to Linden on Oct. 25. It will be the first time the two neighboring schools face off since 1981.

And with the eighth week being a cross-over week in the league schedule, there’s a 50-50 shot Lake Fenton will face either Fenton, Holly or Linden (maybe Linden back-to-back weeks) on Oct. 15. I’m kind of hoping it will be a Holly-Lake Fenton match up. That way I can say I have finally seen all four of our football teams play each other in my 17 years at the paper.

European soccer seasons have begun!
For those who don’t know, I’m a huge West Bromwich Albion and Hull City fan in English soccer, a Borussia Dortmund fan in the Bundesliga (Germany) and a Parma fan in Serie A (Italy). I have other teams in other leagues I follow, but those are the ones some people here may know.

I love knowing I can turn on my TV on Saturday and Sunday mornings and figure I’ll have at least two or three soccer options from 7 a.m. until about 2 p.m. It’s hard to believe just 10 years ago it was hard to watch any professional soccer in this country. Now it’s constantly on. I love it.

Henry passed away
A few weeks ago I wrote a column about our pet cockatiel, Henry, and many people have expressed positive thoughts our way concerning his cancer prognosis. He recently passed away in my presence. It was a sad day, but we were happy to see him leave with one of us being able to comfort him.

Thanks for everyone’s comments regarding Henry. We appreciated them.

All Tri-County Girls Soccer Team
FEMALE SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR:
Lauren Murphy, Fenton senior
A Second-Team All-State selection, Murphy was Fenton’s top scoring threat, collecting 25 goals and 10 assists during the Tigers’ Metro League championship season, which included a D2 district title.

Name (all-state team) School
Payton Price (H. Mention).............Holly
Kirsten Foor (H. Mention).............Fenton
Alicia Otman.........................Linden
Callie Dickens (H. Mention).......Fenton
Melanie Storm.......................Lake Fenton
Molly James..........................Linden
Hannah Wabel.......................Linden

Name (all-state team)... School
Morgan Reitano............................Lake Fenton
Maclin Perrigo.............................Lake Fenton
Lexi Curtis..............................Holly
Bella Reitano............................Lake Fenton
Chloe Wagner............................Fenton
Avery Carr..............................Lake Fenton
Ashlyn Gocha (Keeper)..............Linden

REST OF FIRST TEAM (All-State performers listed in parenthesis)

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MEDIATION  
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Similar to the Community Resolution Center, the parties reach an agreed upon conclusion and sign a legally binding contract in the court mediation process.
McCabe said the court’s mediation process isn’t necessarily a cost saver for taxpayers or the state, but it’s “certainly” a cost saver for the litigants. He’s referred cases to private mediation and certainly “a cost saver for the litigants. He’s referred cases to private mediation and to the Community Resolution Center.
“The beauty of mediation is that it guarantees that each side is the master of their own destinies. They’re deciding the outcome,” he said. “If either side doesn’t want to settle, then they can let the court system resolve it for them.”

MI RESOLVE
On Wednesday, Aug. 7, the Michigan Supreme Court announced a new program called MI Resolve, an online mediation program, which helps individuals resolve issues typically filed as small claims, general civil or landlord-tenant cases in district court.
The system is currently only available for counties in east Michigan.

Genesee, Oakland and Livingston counties are not yet included.

BECOMING A MEDIATOR
The Community Resolution Center has more than 70 volunteer mediators and offers training for those who wish to get involved. Mediators receive 40 hours of training for general civil mediation. They can take advanced courses to work on cases for domestic, special education or other specialized issues. The center requests the volunteers to mediate one case a month or more, depending on availability. Sessions are usually two to three hours long.

“Michigan Court Mediator Requirements include an approved 40-hour General Civil or Domestic Relations mediator training, plus additional educational requirements. Our mediators find this volunteer work to be personally rewarding; they not only help people settle their disputes, it is a challenging process where they utilize their own problem-solving skills and talents,” said Dayna Harper executive director of the Community Dispute Resolution Center.

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Tyrone Township, Livingston County, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING UPON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE TYRONE TOWNSHIP LAUREL SPRINGS SUBDIVISION WASTE REMOVAL PROJECT (2019) SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

(1) The Township Board of Tyrone Township, Livingston County, Michigan (the “Township”) in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan, has determined to levy special assessments against lands in the TYRONE TOWNSHIP LAUREL SPRINGS SUBDIVISION WASTE REMOVAL PROJECT (2019) SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (the “District”) that will be benefited by the establishment of a single waste hauler to collect and dispose of garbage and rubbish in the Township. The District consists of the properties identified on the map below and is more specifically identified by the following property identification numbers:

4704-11-100-032  4704-11-101-017  4704-11-101-035  4704-11-101-044
4704-11-101-015  4704-11-101-024  4704-11-101-042

(2) The proposed special assessment roll for the District (the “Roll”) has been prepared and is now on file in the office of the Township Clerk and is available at such office for public examination during the hours the Township Office is regularly open to the public for business.

(3) The Township Board will conduct a public hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m., local time, on August 20, 2019, at the Tyrone Township Offices, 10408 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan, to explain and answer questions pertaining to the Roll and to hear objections to the Roll. Any person objecting to the Roll must file his or her objections before the close of the public hearing or within such additional time (if any) as the Township Board may grant.

(4) The owner or other person having an interest in property that is specially assessed is entitled to file a written appeal with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 30 days after confirmation of the Roll. However, appearance and protest at the public hearing are required by law in order to appeal the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner or other party in interest or his or her agent may (i) appear in person at the hearing to protest the assessment or (ii) file an appearance and protest by letter before the close of the hearing. The Township Board will maintain a record of the persons who appear and protest at the hearing. If the hearing is terminated or adjourned for the day before a party is provided the opportunity to be heard, a party whose appearance was so recorded shall be considered to have protested the special assessment in person.

This notice is given by order of the Tyrone Township Board.

Dated: July 16, 2019

Marcella Husted
Tyrone Township Clerk

Map of Special Assessment District
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HOLLY TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Holly Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on:

DATE: September 4, 2019
TIME: 6:30 PM or as soon as possible thereafter
PLACE: HOLLY AREA SCHOOLS BOARD ROOM
        KARL RICHTER COMMUNITY CENTER
        920 E. BAIRD ST.
        HOLLY, MI 48442
PHONE: 248-634-9331 Ext. 301

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider the proposed amendments to the Township of Holly Code of Ordinances to:

CHAPTER 32 ZONING, SECTION 32-6 DEFINITIONS AND CHAPTER 32 ZONING, ARTICLE IV SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS, SECTION 32-143 SEASONAL SALES

AND

CHAPTER 32 ZONING, SECTION 32-6 DEFINITIONS AND CHAPTER 32 ZONING, ARTICLE IV SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS, ADD SECTION 32-168 AGRITOURISM

AND

CHAPTER 32 ZONING, SECTION 32-6 DEFINITIONS AND CHAPTER 32 ZONING, ARTICLE IV SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS, ADD SECTION 32-169 SPECIAL EVENTS

AND

PROPOSED CODE OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENT CHAPTER 32 ZONING, SECTION 32-6 DEFINITIONS AND ARTICLE IV SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS, DELETE SECTION 32-145 MAINTENANCE OF ANIMALS (CLASS I AND CLASS II).

The hearing is open to the public to voice their views and/or to submit written comment. Citizens are encouraged to attend and participate in the hearing. The Holly Township Planning Commission will consider any public comments received at this time. Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing by writing to: Clerk at 102 Civic Dr., Holly, Michigan 48442.

A copy of the proposed ordinance revisions may be reviewed at the Clerk’s office at the above-mentioned address during regular business hours Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday 8:30 to 6:00 p.m. except holidays.

Handicap persons needing assistance to attend or participate in this hearing are asked to contact the Township Clerk at 248-634-9331 x 301 or by writing to the above-mentioned address at least 5 business days prior to the meeting.

Karin S. Winchester
Clerk/Zoning Administrator
Township of Rose, Oakland County, Michigan

NOTICE TO ROSE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Rose Township Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on Tuesday September 3, 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:

Mrs. Margaret Ghostley owner of 505 Blue Water Drive (06-22-302-009). Is requesting a variance from the Rose Township Ordinance. The request is for a front yard setback variance to locate a storage structure on lot. The variance request is for a 10 feet front yard setback. Rose Township Zoning Ordinance, Table 38-232 Schedule of Regulations, requires that the front yard setback be a minimum of 35 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
How to exercise dogs in extreme weather

Exercise is important for every member of a family, including the family dog. According to SPCA Florida, regular exercise is just as important for dogs as it is for their owners.

Many dog owners find ways to incorporate their dogs into their own exercise routines in order to ensure their four-legged friends get enough physical activity each day. For example, dogs might come along on jogs around the neighborhood or join their owners on walks in the park. But what about those times when the weather is extreme? Snowstorms and heat waves might compromise dog owners’ efforts to get their poodles daily exercise. But there are many ways that dog owners can work around extreme weather to ensure Fido gets enough physical activity to stay healthy.

• **Alter the time of your dog’s daily exercise routine.** In conditions that are extremely hot, dog owners can change their routines so dogs get out and get some exercise during the times of day when the weather is temperate. Early morning and evening or even nighttime exercise sessions afford chances to run around outdoors without doing so under the blazing summer sun. If walking dogs after sundown, dress them in reflective materials so they’re visible to oncoming motorists.

• **Dress dogs for the cold.** Dogs can be bundled up just like their owners bundle up in gloves and layers when spending time outside in cold weather. Salt and chemical de-icing solutions can injure dogs, burning and drying out their paws, so make sure their paws are covered before taking them outside in icy, snowy conditions. Dogs may need a few practice runs wearing booties indoors before they’re comfortable enough to wear them outside without trying to remove them. In addition, Petfinder recommends keeping dogs’ bodies warm by dressing them in doggy jackets or vests.

• **Reduce the length of time spent outdoors.** Cutting back on the time dogs spend outdoors in extreme weather is another way to protect them from the elements. Shorter, more frequent trips can ensure dogs get enough daily exercise while limiting their exposure to extreme weather. If dogs are accustomed to 30 minutes of running around in the backyard in the afternoon, break that down to three 10-minute sessions instead, spacing out each session so dogs have time to recuperate.

• **Exercise indoors if necessary.** Avoid exercising dogs outdoors in especially extreme conditions. Rather than exposing dogs to extreme weather, make a game out of running up and down staircases or play fetch in a hallway to help dogs burn off their energy and get some exercise.

Extreme weather can be harmful to dogs. But there’s still ways to exercise poodles in periods of inclement weather.
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Weekend Crossword

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Dana Jon Erber
1974-2019
Dana Jon Erber - passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, August 10, 2019 at Genesys Hospital. Dana was born on August 9, 1974 to Walter Erber and Judy (LaPan) Russell. He was a graduate of Clio High School. Dana later attended Ferris State University to pursue his dream of becoming a teacher. Dana was a tremendous father to his three daughters that he referred to as his “trio”. In his spare time he did nothing but spend time with them, doing anything their little hearts desired. He is survived by his parents, Walter Erber and Judy Russell; his three daughters, Skylar Marie, Arianna Nicole and Leah Grace; aunts and uncles, Jackie (Bill) Morrison, Shelly (Rick) Huber, Kim Pomroy; Tammy (Alan) Renico, Tanya (Dick) O’Connor, Virginia “Jini” Baudoux, Rosemary (Dan) Haley and Albert (Kammy) Pomroy. Dana is preceded in death by his brother, Adam Russell; his grandfather, Jack LaPan; grandparents, Avis and Gerald Pomroy; uncle, Charles Pomroy. A memorial service will be at 7 PM, Friday, August 23, 2019 at the Calvary United Methodist Church of Holly and the Holly Lodge #134 F&AM. Surviving are three children, Russell Weeks of NC, Susan Louise (Kelly Luebstorf) Weeks of WA, and Timothy Weeks of Fenton; granddaughter, Gail (Michael) Szuch of Lapeer; and three great-grandchildren, Cade, Brock and Ashley. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy; grandson, Brian Phillip Weeks; brothers, Wayne, Donald and Walter Weeks; and sisters, Dorothy Perigo and Viola Bowren. Memorial services will be held at Noon, Friday, August 23, 2019 at the Calvary United Methodist Church of Holly, with Pastor Cliff Schroeder officiating. Military honors and burial will follow at Great Lakes National Cemetery, in Holly. A luncheon will follow the burial at the Calvary United Methodist Church. Memorial donations can be made to the Alzheimer’s Association or the American Diabetes Association.

Mary Brunsden-Prain

Kenneth W. Weeks
1927-2019
Kenneth W. Weeks - age 92, of Holly, died Wednesday, July 17, 2019. He was born in Rose Township on June 18, 1927 to Ransom and Sylvia (Cross) Weeks. He was a veteran of WWII, serving in the US Army. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather and was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church of Holly and the Holly Lodge #134 F&AM. Surviving are three children, Russell Weeks of NC, Susan Louise (Kelly Luebstorf) Weeks of WA, and Timothy Weeks of Fenton; granddaughter, Gail (Michael) Szuch of Lapeer; and three great-grandchildren, Cade, Brock and Ashley. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy; grandson, Brian Phillip Weeks; brothers, Wayne, Donald and Walter Weeks; and sisters, Dorothy Perigo and Viola Bowren. Memorial services will be held at Noon, Friday, August 23, 2019 at the Calvary United Methodist Church of Holly, with Pastor Cliff Schroeder officiating. Military honors and burial will follow at Great Lakes National Cemetery, in Holly. A luncheon will follow the burial at the Calvary United Methodist Church. Memorial donations can be made to the Alzheimer’s Association or the American Diabetes Association.

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SHADOW

With Shadow, director Zhang Yimou (Hero, House Of Flying Daggers) once again pushes the boundaries of wuxia action to create a film like no other, masterfully painting a canvas of inky blacks and greys punctuated with bursts of color from the blood of the defeated. In a kingdom ruled by a young and unpredictable king, the military commander has a secret weapon: a “shadow,” a look-alike who can fool both his enemies and the King himself. Now he must use this weapon in an intricate plan that will lead his people to victory in a war that the King does not want.

NR, 1 hr. 55 min.
Action & Adventure, Art House & International, Drama

PHOTOGRAPH

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