

President places 'tobacco 21' law into spending bill

■ It is now illegal for retailers to sell tobacco products to anyone under 21; some questions remain

By Vera Hogan

The debate over whether cigarettes and other tobacco products should be sold to persons under 21 has ended now that President Donald Trump has signed a new law, making it illegal for

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Excavator speaks out, Gold Shovel Standard fails

■ 'I don't know why Genesee County thought this was for sewer'

By Hannah Ball

Fenton Twp. — At the Monday, Jan. 6 meeting, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees voted 6-0 against adopting an ordinance that would have required contractors to provide proof that they participate in the

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Anti-robocall bill signed into law

■ **TRACED Act** designed to deter robocalls with harsher penalties

By Tim Jagielo

Everyone can agree — robocalls are an irksome part of modern life. There was enough agreement in con-

gress to get a bi-partisan bill passed into law in less than one year.

This law will not eliminate robocalls, but the intent is to deter them with stiffer penalties, a longer statute of limitations and more pressure for

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Fenton/Linden Griffins hockey players Nick Temple (left) and Mitchel Luck assist a young player during their first time on the ice Saturday, Jan. 4. Flint Inner-City Youth Hockey Program participants used these "pushers" to practice, while being assisted by volunteers. See story on page 6 Photo: Tim Jagielo



“I really wish Fenton schools would publish a calendar for the remainder

of the year. Adding half days and days off on a month-to-month basis is really difficult for our family to manage.”



“After losing her sister to cancer, my wife was so distraught that she left her

purse in the shopping cart at VG's. Thank God for the honest soul who turned it in to the store. It is great to live in Fenton.”



“Hate big box stores? Then don't forget about Fenton's best kept secret, Taylor Hardware. They are friendly and as

a woman, it is very nice to have someone help me as soon as I walk in the door. Thank you.”



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Rock stacks put Fenton 'on the map' in U.S. landscape architecture

■ Unique rock stacks and 'erupting volcano' at Fenton home to be part of a 50-state visual documentary

SUMMARY

■ Downtown Fenton homeowner Stewart Melrose is proud that his rock stacks and other unique architectural features of his home's landscape will be kept in permanent photographic archives in the U.S. Library of Congress.

By Sally Rummel

The rock stacks, "volcano" and other unique landscape architecture at the Stewart Melrose home in downtown Fenton has caught the attention of nationally renowned photographer Carol Highsmith.

Highsmith, who has spent her entire life photographing images capturing America, is compiling a visual documentary of all 50 states in "Carol M. Highsmith's America."

This historic photographic archive will be among the top six in the Library of Congress, including Civil War photography by Matthew Brady and America's Depression photographer, Dorothea Lange.

It will be permanent photographic record of life in America in the 21st century, documenting architecture and landscape. "We are very proud and honored to bring this kind of attention to the city (of Fenton)," Stewart said.

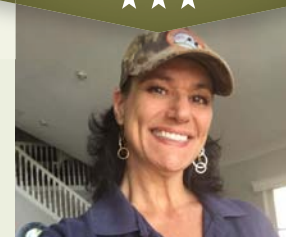
There's an interesting story behind the latest rock stack in Stewart's landscape — one that was made from stone brought back from his Elk Hunt trip in September 2019 with his 84-year-old father, Howard.

This was the duo's 50th Elk Hunt in
See ROCK STACKS on 6



(Photo above) Howard and Stewart Melrose (left) stand beside Stewart's rock stacks, which are featured in the Library of Congress. Howard is still active as an octogenarian with elk hunting. (Right) In December 2019, Howard Melrose holds a rack from a 12-point elk that he had recently harvested. **Photos: Tim Jagielo**

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Sharin' the spotlight Honoring our veterans

By Editor Sharon Stone

Hopefully all of our valued readers noticed the Times' new feature, which will be in every print edition in 2020. Placed strategically on page 3 beginning Sunday, Jan. 5, the Times, View Newspaper Group and Sharp Funeral Homes partnered to honor our local veterans.

I'm very excited about this new feature. Although I did not serve our great country, I am surrounded by those who did, and those who have recently joined a branch of the military. I'll bet you know many friends, family members and neighbors who served for reasons as individualized as they are.

I have friends who met when they both enlisted in the Air Force over 30 years ago. One of my neighbors' sons recently joined the Coast Guard and the son of one of my good friends recently joined the Air Force. I can only imagine the fear these parents have every time they turn on the news.

I have a jacket my dad, Donald J. Richey, wore when he served in the Air Force during the Korean War, tucked away in my closet. He was a staff sergeant of the 661st Air Squadron based at Selfridge Air Force Base. Knowing he

wore that jacket gives me much pride. He played on the Air Force baseball team and a little semi-pro ball after his discharge. He died in 2004 at the age of 75.

The editorial department at the Times has reached out to our local veteran organizations seeking individuals that we can honor in one of our upcoming editions.

Take a glance at page 3 of this issue to see what local veteran we are honoring this week.

If you or a loved one served, let me, or anyone at the Times, know that you'd like to be represented in this new feature. Photos can be dropped off at our office, at 257 N. Fenway Dr., Fenton or emailed to me at ssone@tctimes.com. We do ask that veterans being

honored be currently living in the tri-

county area and honorably discharged. Honoring a veteran who has died requires that they have current ties to the tri-county area. Parents or grandparents who want to give a shout out to their son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter who are actively serving, also are welcome to send us information.

The sacrifices our veterans and their families have made throughout our time as a country must never be forgotten. Our freedoms as we have become accustomed to are a direct result of these courageous and brave men and women.

So, who's the veteran or active military person in your life? Share your pride with us and let the Times feature them in 2020.

Sharon Stone is the editor of the Tri-County Times. To contact her email her at ssone@tctimes.com or call her at (810) 433-6786.



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WHATS UP WITH the city of Fenton snowplows? By this I mean, why are they plowing our yards? Thanks a lot. I spend thousands to keep my lawn nice. Check out Orchardview Drive and Carl Drive. Maybe random drug tests are in order.

I LOVE HOW Rep. Kildee gets up on his soapbox and tells all of us what the American people want. He has no idea. When are people going to wake up and get rid of career politicians that have no idea about the real world and what hard-working people want?

TRUMP WILL LIKELY carry two asterisks; one for being the third president impeached by the House, and the other for being the first president to serve a second term following impeachment.

TO THE PERSON laughing at Trump supporters. I must have missed all those help wanted signs that really weren't anywhere to be found. If you want to buy a bicycle without tariffs you should buy something made in the USA. Unless of course, as a liberal, you need to support a foreign country.

BASED ON WHAT I've seen in the Hot lines, we need to bring back the draft.

Compiled by Tim Jagielo, media editor

Who is the veteran in your life?



"Leo from Gaines Area Lions Club. He's a Vietnam vet and a 'tunnel rat.' He's an amazing man."

— **James Savage**
Gaines Township



"My husband was. He's deceased now. He was in the Air Force."

— **Pauline Priestley**
Fenton



"Uncle Ray. He was in the Korean War. Then he took the VA loan and purchased a farm in Tennessee. He grew it into a very large dairy farm."

— **Ken Wallace**
Linden



"My husband. He was in the Navy in the late '90s. Special Ops. He was stationed in Texas and California. He loved it."

— **Julie Kazmierski**
Fenton Township



"My grandfather, he was in the Navy. I actually have a lot of veterans — several uncles, cousins."

— **Janelle Pushman**
Grand Blanc Township

street talk

TOBACCO 21

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retailers to do so.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced that the federal minimum age to buy tobacco has gone up from 18 to 21 years old, but there are still many questions surrounding the law.

On Dec. 20, 2019, Trump signed the new minimum age into law as part of a sweeping spending bill. The law is now in effect, meaning it is now illegal for any store to sell any tobacco product, including cigarettes, e-cigarettes or cigars, to anyone under the age of 21.

The penalties for selling to persons between 18 and 21 has not yet been determined.

There is another underlying problem with this new law. Young tobacco users who wish to quit the habit may not be able to buy the cessation products on the market to help them. Previously, the rules

for smoking cessation items like gums and patches have always mirrored the minimum smoking age. It is unclear whether that will change with the new law.

The answers are expected within the next six months. The FDA says it intends to publish a final rule updating regulations within the next 180 days. Those new rules will then take effect no more than 90 days after that announcement.

The new legislation is a result of the youth vaping epidemic revealed in recent months. According to drugabuse.gov, teen e-cigarette users are 30 percent more likely to start smoking than non e-cigarette users.

Gus Asmaro, one of the owners of Merchants Gourmet Wine Shop, a long-time family business in the city of Fenton, said he heard about the new law from a friend in the business.

"It was all confusing," he said. "No phone calls from cigarette reps, only a letter from our distributor that came way

later than Dec. 20.

"Usually the cigarette companies send out signs, but seems like there was no time for them because it took effect immediately," Asmaro said. "So we still haven't received anything. So, yes, we have been rejecting people who are not of the new age limit."

Asmaro said Merchants has not been told to enforce it. "But we started right away," he said. "No reason for us not to follow any laws. Luckily we don't get that many people who are under 21 that buy cigarettes from us, so I don't think it's going to affect Merchants much."

Genesee County tried and failed

On Monday, Dec. 2, 2019 the Michigan Court of Appeals struck down a Genesee County ban on tobacco sales and related products to people under the age of 21.

The county can't adopt a regulation that is stricter than state law, which allows tobacco sales to anyone who is at least 18, the age of majority, according to the appeals court ruling.

In a 3-0 opinion, the court affirmed a decision by Genesee County Circuit Court Judge Judith Fullerton, who on

June 19, 2017, ruled against Tobacco 21, the effort to ban sales of tobacco and related products to anyone under 21.

National retailers have better luck

CVS, Walgreens, Rite-Aid and Walmart, however, did what Genesee County could not and made their own policies on what age individuals should be to purchase tobacco products.

On April 23, 2019, Walgreens announced it would be implementing a new chain-wide policy that will require customers to be at least 21 years old in order to buy tobacco products in its stores.

In early 2019, Rite-Aid and Walmart also raised the age to 21 to buy tobacco products. CVS stores ceased selling tobacco products altogether in 2014.

Township adopts assault and battery ordinance

■ Prohibits assault against all individuals

By Hannah Ball

Fenton Twp. — Fenton Township adopted an assault and battery ordinance at the Monday, Jan. 6 meeting.

It passed 6-0, with Trustee Robert Kesler absent. The first reading of the ordinance was held late last year.

Township Attorney Jack Belzer recommended at the Dec. 16 meeting that it be adopted because most of the township's criminal offenses are covered under a single Disorderly Persons Ordinance, which has created difficulties with law enforcement officials and in the prosecution process, according to meeting minutes.

The ordinance separates assault and battery from the Disorderly Persons Ordinance. The new ordinance prohibits assault against all individuals, including in the cases of domestic assault. It is against the law for a person to assault or batter the following:

- His or her spouse or former spouse
- An individual with whom he or she

has had a dating relationship

- An individual with whom he or she has had a child in common
- An individual who is a resident or former resident of the same household
- An individual to whom he or she is related by blood or marriage

It's against the law to assault or batter an individual who is pregnant.

The new ordinance includes a definition for "dating relationship," which means "frequent, intimate associations primarily characterized by the expectation of affectional involvement. This would not include a casual relationship or an ordinary fraternization between two individuals in a business or social context."

"Related by blood or marriage" means within the second degree of relationship.

A violation of this ordinance is considered punishable by imprisonment not more than 93 days and a fine up to \$500, along with the cost of prosecution. The ordinance takes effect immediately.

The board expects to consider additional criminal offense ordinances in the near future.

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Life lessons on the ice

■ Local hockey players help inner-city kids learn to skate

By Tim Jagielo

Flint — One by one, young fledgling hockey players stepped onto the ice, eyes on their skates, arms out for balance.

One by one they fell down, usually laughing and getting back on their skates by themselves or with a little help from a volunteer trainer, such as a Fenton/Linden Griffin varsity hockey team player.

They didn't fall down unprotected. Each child was issued skates, shin guards, hockey pants, shoulder pads, helmet, jersey, gloves and clothing for underneath.

This is the seventh year for the Flint Inner-City Youth Hockey Program where 30 Flint children, ages 8-11, can learn about the sport of hockey for free over a nine-week series. It will culminate into "The Big Game" at the end of the series in March.

Saturday, Jan. 4 was opening day

and many kids were on skates for the first time.

This falling down and getting back up is a big point of the program. Director Rico Phillips, a retired Flint Fire Department quartermaster, makes falling down and getting back up the first lesson.

"It might hurt a little when you fall," Phillips said from the ice, himself dressed in hockey gear. "You won't be hurt so bad you can't get back up."

His program thrives on donations, such as the ice time donated by the Flint Firebirds Foundation, equipment from Perani's Hockey World and volunteer trainers like these local high school students.

The Fenton/Linden Griffins varsity hockey team has assisted with this program for four years, coach Matt Krusniak said.

There were 14 Griffins players and parents present to help the children get into their gear and learn how to skate.



(Above) Matt Krusniak, Fenton/Linden Griffins varsity hockey coach, helps a program participant with his helmet along with player Nick Temple. (Below) A young participant takes a spill on the ice Saturday. New players had fun learning how to fall and get back up. **Photos: Tim Jagielo**

"I think hockey is a sport that teaches a lot of life lessons," Krusniak said. "You have to challenge yourself emotionally in the game of hockey."

He said that these lessons translate across urban and suburban lines.

Griffins players, including Trevor Isaacson and Brendan Miles, both 18, helped the children keep their balance and learn how to skate.

While the young participants learned from these local students, the Fenton/Linden players learned from the kids. Miles said he learned that not everyone has the same opportunities to get into the sport like he did in first grade.

Without such a program, these children may not be exposed to or have the opportunity to play hockey, Phillips said. He said one goal of the



program is to fight against the belief that hockey is a game for the elite.

Miles said he saw kids progress from relying on a "pusher" on the ice, to skating around on their own in less than 90 minutes.

Anyone interested in volunteer opportunities should join the Flint Inner-City Youth Hockey Program group on Facebook for announcements.



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Colorado's Rocky Mountains, and the first time the event didn't include Howard's older brother, Tom, unable to make the trip this year due to health reasons.

The father-son returned to the White River National Forest, where in 1973, Howard had led a movement to protect this area from motorized vehicles, making it accessible only by foot and by horseback. He was one of the last surviving members of this trailblazing

group, Stewart said.

Howard also is the oldest man to have traversed one of the most challenging trails, taking him from an altitude of 8,000 to 13,000 feet.

"It was an amazing hunt," Stewart said. "Friends and old guides came to our camp to pay tribute to him. I'm so proud of him. It's quite an accomplishment to endure such a trip."

And the stones brought back will memorialize the event forever in this national photographic display.

GOLD SHOVEL

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Gold Shovel Standard (GSS) to do underground work.

The Genesee County Drain Commissioner's Water and Waste Services Division (GCDC) recently joined GSS, an organization that aims to reduce damages to underground infrastructure, and the county sent the ordinance to the Fenton Township Board. A few of the trustees and Supervisor Bonnie Mathis met with representatives from the program and seemed to favor it.

Yet, their minds were changed after

hearing a few local excavators speak at the Monday, Jan. 6 meeting.

Brian Dennis, owner of landscaping company Picasso Services, who also does excavating work with basements and sewer taps, said it would cost excavating companies \$1,500 to \$2,400 a year to be GSS certified. He said excavators already follow many of the requirements set forth by the GSS.

"You can say it's non-profit, but we're writing the checks," Dennis said. "This is an entrepreneur out of California. Can you imagine every excavator in America paying \$2,400?"

According to goldshovelstandard.

org, benefits to joining for excavators include competitiveness on a level playing field and having a reputation with a certification that's a "widely recognized indication of increased safety awareness and a commitment to continuous damage prevention improvement."

Other benefits listed include cost savings, access to technology and proprietary software from Oropala Services, expert consulting and more. The subscription from Oropala Services ranges from \$75 to \$200 monthly, paid on an annual basis, and based on the total number of company employees.

GSS would derive a score from the number of times an excavator accidentally hits something in the ground, such as utilities, by accident. Municipalities and those looking for excavators would be able to see these scores and compare.

GSS would require excavators to meet certain requirements that Dennis said they already meet. One requirement is having a MISS DIG ticket. Dennis said he never starts a dig without first calling 811 MISS DIG, which is a company that locates utilities in the ground and says where it's safe to dig.

The GSS certification would require workers to stay 4 feet away from a marked

utility, which they do, Dennis said. He mentioned a few other stipulations required by GSS, like safety procedures, that excavators in the township follow without being GSS certified.

"Did he (the owner) call one excavator in America? No," Dennis said. "There's thousands of contractors that are against this."

Dennis said the program is too new. Only two municipalities have currently adopted the GSS, Sacramento, California, and Rochester, New York. Traverse City is considering it. Michigan currently has a handful of larger companies who are GSS certified, but Dennis said townships shouldn't force this on smaller excavating contractors who install sewer taps and dig basements.

"I'm not saying it's not a good idea for some things. I don't want to go take on that 42-inch underground natural gas line coming across the state," he said. "There are big guys who do that stuff and maybe this applies to them. I'm okay with someone like Consumers Energy being like 'you can't touch our stuff unless you're certified.'"

"I don't know why Genesee County thought this was for sewer. This was never for sewer or water lines," he said.



SOBRIETY COURTS

Let's start the new year with some good news.

Since the early 1980s, when reforms were initiated nationally and in Michigan, the number of deaths and serious injuries from drunk driving accidents has been reduced by about 50 percent.

Now some bad news. Drunk driving remains a problem as is seen by the fact that more than 50 percent of all fatal highway accidents are still caused by an intoxicated driver.

Returning to the positive, the progress made over the years to address not only the fatalities but drunk driving generally is the result of many things including the passage of tougher laws with more severe penalties, stricter enforcement and alcohol education.

Of course, there is always room for improvement and one critical area of concern is repeat offenders.

For example 33 percent of all drivers arrested for or convicted of drunk driving are repeat offenders.

Additionally a repeat offender is 4.1 times more likely to be involved in a fatal accident.

Michigan is a leader in recognizing this issue and in 2011 enacted a statute creating "Sobriety Courts," which are

specifically structured for repeat offenders.

The stated goal of Sobriety Courts is to enhance public safety by providing the tools, resources and support necessary for alcohol dependent offenders to attain and maintain sobriety.

This is accomplished by using a team approach with the judge, prosecutors, defense attorneys, probation officers, law enforcement, and substance abuse counselors all giving guidance and education to the defendants on how to change their behavior during a period of intensive probation.

The probation includes 12-step meetings, drug and alcohol testing, counseling, and weekly court appearances. Jail time can be imposed for those who don't comply.

The benefits to a defendant include obtaining a restricted driver's license and the chance to be sober.

The public also benefits with Sobriety Court graduates being four times less likely to have a new offense within three years of admission to the program.

Time has shown that Sobriety Courts are indeed a success story.

Michigan currently has 23 Sobriety Courts with one of them being in Genesee County presided over by 67th District Court Judge Vickie Bayeh-Haley.

Much more information on Sobriety Courts is available at the Michigan Supreme Court website courts.michigan.gov and the 67th District Court website 67thdc.com.

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Sam Smith

- Fenton High School senior
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By Vera Hogan

Sam Smith, 18, is a senior at Fenton High School. He likes to play hockey. He plans to attend Mott Community College to earn his associates degree, and then transfer to a university to study electrical engineering.

What is the best thing about your family?

The best thing about my family is the love and care they give me and my two younger brothers, Cooper and Charlie. They are the best because they do so much for me every day to succeed and to be a



better person. They love and care for me, as I do them.

What is one thing you would like to do before you graduate?

I would like to go to a concert with my friends. I have never been to a concert, and I've always wanted to go. I would like to see Post Malone.

Do you want to stay in Michigan?

When I graduate, I would like to stay in Michigan because it is a beautiful place to live and it's the only state that looks like a mitten, which is cool.

What do you like to do for fun?

What I like to do for fun is hang out with my friends. I also like to go to Sticks and Pucks with my brother Cooper, because it is fun.

If you were given \$1,000 to donate what/who would you donate to and why?

If I were given \$1,000, the charity I would donate to would be St. Jude's Children's Hospital, because children deserve a happy, healthy life. The money not only helps the children but the families, too. The children deserve to go out and enjoy life like everyone else with no worries.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

REMEMBER, IF IT weren't for the huge military budget there would be none of the others. That huge military budget also gives everyone the ability to complain about it.

IF YOUR HOUSE was on fire would you care about the moral character of the firefighters or their ability to fight fires? Our DC swamp was on fire.

ONE QUESTION FOR the Hot-liner

that said, 'The burden of proof is on the government to provide evidence of guilt and not the accused to provide evidence of innocence.' I would like to know when has the defendant ever been able to block the testimony of firsthand witnesses and the release of documents?

AWE, POOR DEMOCRAT doesn't like being called a socialist. Maybe you should stop calling the other side all racist, homophobic, greedy, misogynistic, xenophobic deplorables?

THE OBVIOUSLY NON-Trump supporter that laughs 'all day when people like me post' might want to stop laughing long enough to do a little thinking. Maybe then, you'd understand that if you buy an American made bicycle you wouldn't have to worry about tariffs.

DEMOCRATS ARE FLOODING The Weekend Times with accolades for Elissa Slotkin. In reality, she got elected to impeach Donald Trump and has gotten nothing done that has passed into law.

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REACHING FOR CELL PHONE CAUSES DRIVER TO LOSE CONTROL IN HOLLY

On Thursday, Jan. 2 at 1:54 p.m., Holly police responded to a rollover crash on W. Maple Street near Broad Street. Officers discovered a 33-year-old Clarkston man was driving west on Maple and reached for his cell phone on the passenger seat causing him to lose control, leave the roadway on the left, striking a tree and rolling his vehicle on its side. The driver suffered only minor injuries and was cited.

HOLLY MAN THREATENS TO HARM HIMSELF

On Friday, Jan. 3 at 1:20 a.m., Holly police were dispatched to a home on Grange Hall Road for a person who had threatened harm to himself. The officers made contact with a 49-year-old Holly man who had made attempts to harm himself. The

officers made several attempts to verbally persuade him to stop without success. The officers attempted to take protective custody of the man who aggressively resisted the assistance. The man was secured and transported to a medical facility. Charges are being sought from the Oakland County Prosecutors office for resisting/obstructing police.

NEWS BRIEFS

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McLaren Flint makes temporary changes to visitor policy due to widespread flu across Michigan

For the safety of patients, visitors and staff, McLaren Flint is implementing temporary visitor restrictions to limit the spread of influenza and other respiratory infections. Influenza is currently reported as widespread across the state of Michigan. Visitors, especially children, may not know they have the flu. They may not be showing flu symptoms and can easily pass

the flu on to others. Patients are in the hospital to get better and can get very sick from visitors who may only have mild flu symptoms. Visitor restrictions begin Jan. 7. Children under the age of 12, as well as anyone with the following symptoms, are asked not to visit patients in the hospital:

- Fever
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny nose, nasal congestion
- Stomach virus symptoms

Patients and visitors going to the hospital's clinic/outpatient departments with any of these symptoms will be asked to wear a mask. These are provided on respiratory hygiene stations at entrances and in lobby areas. Visitors are also reminded to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before, during and after visiting patients.

Ascension Michigan hospitals across the state implement visitor restrictions to protect against spread of influenza

With the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Michigan

Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) classification of "widespread activity" of influenza across the state, and in an effort to protect our patients, families and associates, visitor restrictions at all Ascension Michigan hospitals across the state are now in effect.

- Ascension Michigan hospitals are limiting visitors to those who are 14 years of age or older. Children are at the greatest risk of getting and spreading the flu.
- Visitors should be healthy — free from fever, cough, colds or stomach virus symptoms. If you are not well, please do not visit.
- No more than two visitors will be allowed to visit with a patient at any one time.
- We are also asking visitors to remember to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before, during and after visiting.

Visitor restrictions will remain in effect until further notice. Ascension Michigan infection preventionists will continue to monitor influenza activity with MDHHS and will assess when restrictions can be lifted.

ANTI-ROBOCALL

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phone services to authenticate incoming calls.

The TRACED Act was signed into federal law by President Donald Trump on Monday, Dec. 30, 2019. It was introduced Jan. 16, 2019 by Sen. John Thune (R-SD).

TRACED stands for Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement and Deterrence Act. It gives more teeth to existing laws by creating new penalties for violators of certain types of robocalls.

The law amends sections of the existing Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA).

Robocalls are automatic calls placed to mobile phones and home telephone lines. These calls are usually used to ensnare the recipient into a phone scam. They also can just be a nuisance.

This law puts pressure on phone providers to figure out how to authenticate calls to stop them from reaching you.

According to CNET.com, Federal regulators like the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Federal Trade Commission (FTC) now have up to four years to pursue violators. Previous statutes allowed for one year.

Intentional robocall violators can be levied an additional penalty of \$10,000.

CNET.com reports that the average person received 164 robocalls in 2019, and 54 billion were made overall.

A White House news release states, "American families deserve control over their communications, and this legislation will update our laws and regulations to stiffen penalties, increase transparency, and enhance government collaboration to stop unwanted solicitation."

SECURE Act of 2019

■ Local financial advisor explains what you need to know

Submitted by Kyle Cooper
Financial Strategies Group, Inc.

In its second time in as many years, there has been legislative changes that will have an impact on the retirement planning landscape. Accompanying the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, which was signed into law Dec. 22, 2017, the SECURE Act, which congress passed Dec. 19, 2019, has brought several significant changes. SECURE Act is also known as "Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Security Act."

While there will be quite a bit of information that will be available over the coming months here are some of the key provisions you should be familiar with now:

- Raising the required minimum distribution (RMD) age from 70½ to 72 (applying to anyone who did not turn 70½ by the end of 2019).
- In the same breath, the age limit restriction on traditional IRA contributions has been removed (this was previously prohibited starting at age 70½).
- Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) are still allowed at 70½. This will provide for a key window of time (1½ years) in which RMDs will not be required, but can still take advantage

of QCDs.

- Allowing Americans who just had a baby (or adopted a child) to take withdrawals of up to \$5,000 from their retirement accounts, including a 401(k) or IRA, without incurring the 10-percent penalty.
- Allowing up to \$10,000 of a 529 savings plan to be used to pay off student debt over the lifetime of the plan. An additional \$10,000 can be used for each plan beneficiary.

• One of the most impactful changes is the end of the inherited IRA, otherwise known as the "Stretch IRA." Beneficiaries are now required to draw down the account and pay taxes on their withdrawals over 10 years instead of over their lifetime.

While there are many more changes to note than those listed above, these are certainly the most important to mention. The changes are not nearly as sweeping as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. However, the Secure Act of 2019 makes many updates which will certainly provide for not only more planning opportunities, but will add complexity to your current retirement plan.

Now is a great time for those who have not started planning to schedule an appointment to get a good "check-up" and to review their existing plans.



Submitted photo

First Genesee County baby of 2020

Hurley Medical Center in Flint welcomed the first Genesee County baby of 2020 at 3:29 a.m. on Jan. 1. The baby boy weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and measured 20.5 inches. Wyse McMillian was born to mother Masharry McMillian of Flint and joins four big sisters and two big brothers. Wyse's delivery was quick and without incident, but mom wasn't so lucky. Shortly after delivery, she suffered a postpartum hemorrhage. The labor and delivery team worked quickly to handle the situation and now mom is resting comfortably with her new son. "I

was at the right hospital to handle the complications I had after delivery. I've received excellent care and Wyse is healthy and happy. I'm so grateful," McMillian said. In celebration of having the first Genesee County baby of 2020, Wyse received a special "First Baby Basket" stuffed with clothing, swaddling blankets, bathing products, receiving blankets, diapers, wipes and a toy from the care team at Hurley.



Submitted photo

Fenton baby born Jan. 1

Hudson Patt was born at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020, at 1:54 p.m. He is the son of Lyndsey and Aaron Patt of Fenton. Lyndsey is originally from Wixom and Aaron is originally from Grand Rapids. Hudson was 7 pounds, 8 ounces when he was born.

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Fenton squads dominate top spots on our fall top 12 poll

By David Troppens

In recent years, when the sports staff does our Tri-County top poll lists, they've become a Fenton High School lovefest.

The Tigers have had most of the league champions and strong squads,

resulting in Fenton teams dominating the top of these lists. That pattern didn't change during the fall. Of the teams that made our Tri-County Top 12 Fall Sports Teams of 2019 all four area schools had squads in it. However, most of those representatives from Linden, Lake Fen-

Fenton's varsity football team is No. 6 on our Tri-County Top 12 Fall Sports Teams of 2019 Poll. **Photo: Mark Bolen**

ton and Holly came in the bottom half of the list. Today, we look at the top six where all but one squad is from Fenton. Here's the top half of our poll.

No. 6 - Fenton football: As has been the case for almost a decade, when it came to football, the Tigers were the area's top team.

See TOP 12 on 12

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Sports Times

Linden's Gillespie leads our 2019 boys soccer team

By David Troppens

Ryan Gillespie has a lot of attributes that makes him a great prep soccer player.

He has great vision when he's on the soccer pitch.

The Linden senior is one of the bigger players on the pitch, which allows him to win 50-50 balls.

He also has a great knack for scoring goals. He did that for the co-Metro League champion Linden Eagles' squad this fall, scoring a team-high 28 goals.

But the senior does have one minor obstacle he has to overcome on the pitch. That's his hearing.

Gillespie typically wears a hearing aid due to those is-

sues. In the past he wore it on the field to help him communicate with teammates, but that experiment ended due to one incident.

"During freshman year the ball smacked me in the head and I had to look for it," Gillespie said. "Since then I don't wear it a lot.

"It's not a huge deal. When we are playing my teammates are yelling when they are talking so it's not a huge issue."

Apparently it hasn't been. He led the Eagles in goals and assists this fall. Six of his goals were game-winners. In league play he was brilliant, scoring 17 goals and 10 assists in 11 league contests. His efforts allowed the Eagles to finish in a three-way tie with Fenton and Goodrich for the Metro League crown.

See GILLESPIE on 12

LF wrestlers win Imlay City Spartans Invitational

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity team is getting ready for its first Metro League matches ever on Wednesday.

The Blue Devils prepared for its Metro League event by winning the Imlay City Spartans Invitational on Saturday.

Lake Fenton scored 164 team points, 19 better than second-place Imlay City.

"We just wrestled really well as a team," Lake Fenton varsity wrestling coach Vance Corcoran said. "The kids are totally buying into what we're trying to accomplish as far as their technique and their training. One of the toughest working teams I've had. The tournament was an absolute team confidence builder and we're expecting it to grow from here."

The Blue Devils had three wrestlers make it to the championship bout with two winning titles.

Jack Conley (130) was one of the champions defeating Almont's Gavin Depmz by a 9-1 major decision in the title match. The other was Zolen Mar-

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Linden's Ryan Gillespie is our 2019 Tri-County Boys Soccer Player of the Year. He scored 28 goals.

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Linden wrestlers perform well at duals

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity wrestling team has had some of its veterans out of the lineup, but some young grapplers have made a positive difference.

The program showed some of those strides of progress during the Linden Duals, posting a 3-1 record.

The squad was 3-0 entering its final dual but lost to state-ranked Niles 46-32 in a bout that was up for grabs during the final two matches.

"I thought our kids wrestled pretty tough," Linden varsity wrestling coach Kyle Summerfield said. "Right now a couple of our more advanced kids are out with injuries and many of our younger kids are stepping up. I'm proud of the effort the freshmen have

given and I'm pleased we've had so many freshmen who have been this dedicated."

The Eagles had two wrestlers finish with perfect 4-0 records with four pinfalls. Jayden Rittenbury (152) and Uzziah Delgado (160) were those two wrestlers. Bryce Shingleton (119) posted a 3-1 record while Colton Powell (189/215) also had a 3-1 record. Powell had two pinfall wins.

Wrestlers recording two wins were Josh Brennan (125/130), Ethan Soff (130), Clark Ray (135), Jase Gundry (171) and Tyler McCabe (103). Many of those wrestlers are the freshmen that Summerfield has been excited about.

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Linden's Clark Ray (left) was one of many wrestlers to record two victories at the Linden Duals on Saturday. Photo: David Troppens

Zywicki leads Fenton wrestlers at Wyandotte invite

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity wrestling squad is a young team.

But that doesn't mean the Tigers aren't having some success.

The Tigers had three wrestlers place at the Wyandotte Invitational on Saturday.

Fenton's Lukas Zywicki (189) was the team's top performer. He beat Roosevelt's Lu Peterson by a 7-3 decision in the title match.

"Lukas had his best day of wrestling in the last few years he has competed," Fenton varsity wrestling coach Brad Beverly said. "In a well-balanced 189-pound bracket he was able to pin a Riverview wrestler and win two really close matches to capture a Wyandotte championship."

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Bronchos' wrestlers post 3-1 mark at Vassar Invitational

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity wrestling team opened the 2020 portion of the season with a 3-1 record at the Vassar Invitational.

The Bronchos defeated St. Charles 63-18, Standish-Sterling 72-4 and Vassar 78-0. The team's loss came to Lakeville 39-29.

The Bronchos had four wrestlers post 4-0 records at the event. Jacob Gonzales (152) and Scott Hermann (171/189) each posted 4-0 records with four pinfall wins. Nate Young (140) also went 4-0 with two pinfall wins while Andrew Kolman (112) was 4-0 with one pinfall victory.

Kolten Steele (215) went 3-1 with two pinfalls while Tyler Jackson (285), Brian

James (119), Brock Bills and Mason Forsythe (135) each went 3-1 with one pinfall win.

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PREP REPORT

HOCKEY

► **Fenton/Linden 8, Swartz Creek/Clio/Flushing 0:** The Griffins dominated the contest, scoring five goals in the opening period.

Carson Gardner, Ethan Hutchings and Heyden Justus had two goals each while Ken Sorum and Brendan Miles had a goal each.

Miles and Dominic Krusniak had three assists each.

In goal, Brady Faille had five saves, earning the win.

GIRLS BOWLING

► **Linden 24, Goodrich 6:** The Eagles were led by Cassie Most's 179-193-372 two-game series, while Paige Sundrla had a 161-156-317 series.

► **Holly 20, Fenton 10:** Kaitlyn Allison led the Bronchos with a 153-167-320 series while Emily Sorter had a 146-148-294 series.

Katelyn Burkett led the Tigers with a 105-142-247 series.

BOYS BOWLING

► **Goodrich 30, Linden 0:** The Eagles were led by Chance Walker's 132-149-281 two-game series.

► **Holly 28, Fenton 2:** The Bronchos dominated the match, winning both Baker games (159-146 and 169-110) and both game series. Justin Mallory had a big day with a 236-230-466 series. Sean Dankert bowled a 191 game while Ryan Dalton bowled a 180.

Fenton was led by Tate Temroski's 203-186-389 series.

BOYS SWIMMING

► **Fenton at Spartan Invitational:** The Tigers placed seventh in the nine-team event. Max Haney had the strongest performance of any of the Tigers, placing third in the 500 freestyle (4:58.59) and fifth in the 200 freestyle (1:51.66). Gavin Crews placed fifth in the 50 freestyle (22.94).

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TOP 12

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The Metro League made changes but that didn't change the fact the Tigers were the favorites entering the season. The Tigers proved that by going 5-0 in the Stripes Division, outscoring divisional foes 186-48, with only Linden able to give the Tigers a serious scare when Linden lost a 24-21 verdict against Fenton.

Winning the Stripes Division put the Tigers in the first-ever Metro League championship game where the Tigers dominated Goodrich 42-21.

Entering the playoffs with an 8-1 overall record (the team's only regular season loss coming against eventual Division 1 champion Davison), Fenton beat South Lyon before losing to Walled Lake Western 49-21.

No. 5 - Linden boys cross country: The Eagles are one of only two teams in the top six not to win a league crown. They did finish second to a strong Fenton

squad, and then continued their strong year in the postseason. The Eagles placed second in their D2 regional and then finished 11th in the D2 state meet.

Boys cross country is probably the sport that has benefitted the most with the Metro expansion. It has made an already strong sport, stronger.

No. 4 - Fenton boys cross country: The Tigers continue to dominate the Metro cross country scene with the squad winning all three jamborees during the fall. The closest any Metro squad came to Fenton was 14 points in the final league meet.

The Tigers continued their fine season by earning a regional championship by winning its regional by 29 points. Adam Jesse ended up being the regional champion. At the state meet, the Tigers placed 11th.

No. 3 - Fenton girls swimming: The Tigers had one of their strongest seasons in school history. It started with the Tigers continuing their dominance in

Metro play, going 6-0 in dual meets and with 688 league meet points, almost 300 points ahead of second-place Owosso (395).

Once at the state meet, the Tigers finished 11th at the state meet with Gracie Olsen winning state championships in 200-yard freestyle and the 100 butterfly.

No. 2 - Fenton girls golf: It's hard to believe a team that is second in our poll didn't even win its league title, but that's the case.

Fenton dominated every aspect of the Metro race with the exception of one day — the league meet. The Tigers went 9-0 in dual play but lost to Goodrich by six strokes at the league meet, giving the Martians the title.

However, the Tigers, led by Brook Herbstreit, had a strong postseason. The Tigers figured a way to qualify for the Division 2 state meet in a season that was supposed to be a rebuilding season. Fenton placed third at its regional with a team score of 362.



Fenton's varsity boys soccer team finished No. 1 on our Tri-County Top 12 Poll. Photo: Mark Bolen

Once at the D2 state meet, the Tigers finished in a tie for fifth with a team score of 375-357-732 while Herbstreit finished in a tie for sixth individually 82-80-162.

No. 1 - Fenton boys soccer: The Metro League soccer race was a dandy this fall as Fenton, Linden and Goodrich had a strong battle for the top spot. As it ended, all three ended tied in first as Fenton defeated

Goodrich, Goodrich defeated Linden and Linden defeated Fenton.

The Tigers made their biggest move to the No. 1 spot during the postseason. Fenton won the district title by beating Owosso 5-0 and then winning a thrilling shootout against Linden 2-1, in what was the Tigers' first victory against the Eagles in three tries.

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GILLESPIE

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He was a first-team All-Metro player and also earned First-Team All-State status from the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association. He has earned another honor. Gillespie is our 2019 Tri-County Boys Soccer Player of the Year.

"He's a great kid," Linden varsity

boys soccer coach Kevin Fiebertz said. "He's always been one of those kids you enjoy having around."

A four-year member of the Linden varsity boys soccer team, Gillespie's talents have always been known. But this season he became the Eagles' primary scoring threat.

"He stepped it up," Fiebertz said.

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All Tri-County Boys Soccer Team

MALE SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Ryan Gillespie, Linden senior

A First-Team All-State selection, Gillespie led the Eagles with 28 goals and 13 assists with six being game-winning goals. The Eagles tied for the Metro League title with Fenton and Goodrich.

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

Name (all-state team) School

Alex Flannery (H. Mention) Fenton
Tyler Light (second) Linden
Ben Gramer..... Holly
Calvin Curtis (H. Mention) Fenton
Hunter Hall (H. Mention) Linden
Andrew Hutchins (second) Fenton
Max Guerra (H. Mention) Fenton

Name (all-state team) School

Aiden Miller (H. Mention) Linden
Owen Garber..... Holly
Ben Chapple Fenton
Alex Smith Linden
Nick Rees Holly
Brandon Davis..... Linden
Ian Downarowicz (third) (Keeper)Linden

Here is a list of the players that made our All Tri-County Boys Soccer Team as selected by the sports staff.

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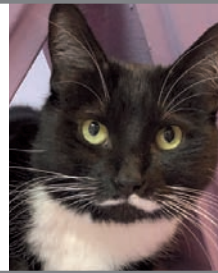
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The public hearing will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers, 301 South Leroy Street. The purpose of the public hearing is to describe the proposed special permitted use request and receive public comment on the proposal. All interested parties are welcome to attend and present their comments.

A copy of the special land use request is available for public inspection at the City of Fenton offices, 301 South Leroy Street, during regular business hours. Written comments concerning the special land use may be submitted at the above address prior to the hearing and will be made part of the official record. All minutes of meetings are available at the City Clerk's office.

Comments and questions may be directed to the City of Fenton Zoning and Building Administrator, Michael Reilly, at 810-629-2261.

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Obituaries

Times

Leon Brooks Bush

1926-2020

Leon Brooks Bush - age 93, of Linden, left this earth early in the morning Sunday, January 5, 2020. A celebration of Leon's life will be held at 11 AM on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Following the service, Leon will be entombed at Tyrone Memory Gardens. Leon's family invites all who knew him to a visitation to be held Wednesday, January 8, 2020 from 4 - 8 PM and Thursday, from 10 AM until the time of service. Leon entered this world on June 9, 1926 in Ovid, the son of William and Retta Bush. The best day of his life was June 19, 1948 when he married the love of his life, Sally Martuch, in Flint. Leon and Sally spent the next 66 years, five months and 16 days on their honeymoon. Leon owned and operated Genesee Welding Supply, Inc., located in Flint, Pontiac, Bay City, Lansing and Charlevoix, for over 40 years. Leon's spirit, upbeat attitude and ever-present smile will live on through his beloved daughter, his grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Leon was a founding member and past president of Spring Meadows Country Club. He is survived by his daughter, Bethany and husband Craig Rockman; grandchildren, Richard Koester, Kali and husband Dr. Partha Nandi; great-grandchildren, Annie and Ellie Koester, Charley Beth Holcomb, Partha, Shaan and Rakhi Nandi; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Sally. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Jeraldine Ann Marie Kotz-Doyle

1952-2020

Jeraldine Ann Marie Kotz-Doyle - age 67, of Grand Blanc, went home to the Lord on Saturday, January 4, 2020 at home and at peace, after a short sudden illness. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Thursday, January 9, 2020 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. Fr. Ryan Riley celebrant. Interment will follow in St. John Cemetery. Visitation will be 4 - 8 PM Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton where a rosary service will be held at 7 PM. Visitation will also be 10 - 11 AM Thursday at the church. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Unbound (Catholic Children's Charities), 1 Elmwood Ave., Kansas City, KS 66103 or Riverside Tabernacle Storehouse, 429 N. Chavez Dr., Flint, MI 48503 where Jeri volunteered every week to feed the hungry. Jeri was born June 12, 1952 in Detroit, the daughter of Ferdynand Joseph and Mary Jane (Klembecki) Kotz. She was united in marriage to Dennis Edward Doyle in 1985 at Holy Family Catholic Church, Grand Blanc. They celebrated 31 years of marriage before Denny's passing on June 25, 2016. After graduating from Lake Fenton High School, Jeri attended U of M Ann Arbor where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Architecture and her Master's Degree in Education "Go Blue." Jeri worked for 30 years for Walled Lake Schools, teaching at Pleasant Lake Elementary in West Bloomfield, and Dublin Elementary in Union Lake. She retired in June 2010. Jeri loved being an elementary art teacher and was loved by her students and colleagues. She was even teacher of the year one year! Her mentor and friend was Carol George of Fenton. She will be greatly missed by all of her wonderful colleagues and friends from Walled Lake, especially Beth Chatt, Darrel



Losh, Paul Huber, and many others including her dear friend Andy Lossing. Jeri traveled extensively to Europe, North America and Bois Blanc Island every summer to camp, celebrating her 25th visit this past summer. She will miss all of her Bois Blanc family. Jeri also recently purchased her new Florida retreat for winters only. She will miss her Citrus Park family. Jeri was such a special person, the way she would walk into a room with her calm, quiet, loving voice, she would make everyone else feel at peace. She literally would light up the room with her smile. Jeri was a kind, generous, humble woman. Even when her own life had obstacles, she always tried to help others to overcome their obstacle first. She was always the first person to offer to help anyone in need, even people she never met personally. She had a heart of gold. Her faith was so strong that she once said about five years ago "I believe more in Jesus Christ than that the sun will rise tomorrow." Jeri was an amazing artist and her artwork is on display at Diplomat Pharmacy Main Campus in Flint and also at Holy Redeemer Elementary in Grand Blanc. The joy of her life were her two sons Ian Joseph and Andrew Edward, both of Grand Blanc. They are both U of M graduates "Go Blue." She is survived by her two sons, Ian Joseph Doyle and Andrew Edward Doyle; two sisters, Kathy Anderson and husband Jim, Janie Kotz-Hill-Gordon and husband Richard; nephews, John Joseph Hill and wife Shireen and their son Avyn, Michael Anthony Hill and wife Hilary Sample-Hill; seven brothers and sisters-in-law; 22 nieces and nephews, their children; many special friends; and her sweet dog Ginger and lovely cat Smokey. She was also preceded in death by her parents. The family would like to give special thanks to her sister-in-law Mary Williams, RN for coming out of retirement to be her private duty 24/7 nurse, bless her! She's gone to the Lord and Heaven now has a new art teacher and is a brighter place. "Believe in Jesus Christ no matter what." Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Horoscopes

For the week of
January 6, 2020

ARIES Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, you have met some people who may have greatly influenced your attitude and partnerships. Even if people are pushing you one way, you have free will to go another.

TAURUS Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, if you want to modify something in your life, now is your chance to do it. This is the week to make some concrete changes that will benefit you.

GEMINI May 22/Jun 21

You have several weeks to understand how recent changes will affect you, Gemini. You may need to get a few new friends in your circle of supporters.

CANCER Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, do not expect any enormous revelations this week, as things will work a lot more slowly. But keep an eye on the sidelines for the little changes that may occur.

LEO Jul 23/Aug 23

The week ahead should be fairly positive, Leo. As a new phase in your life progresses, you will have the opportunity to express yourself more and more.

VIRGO Aug 24/Sept 22

Expect some major movement in your career and love life, Virgo. The two may even be intertwined in some way. You may be floating on air in all this good news.

LIBRA Sept 23/Oct 23

Although no major events will come to fruition, this is an excellent week for you to simply sit back and breathe a little. Things will get busy in the weeks to come, however.

SCORPIO Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, look at events from a different perspective to fully take them all in. Over the next several days, you'll be on a mission to correct something in your past.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 23/Dec 21

A feeling of newness and openness are driving your decisions, Sagittarius. Attend all of the events presented to you; you never know where opportunity lies.

CAPRICORN Dec 22/Jan 20

A new person may come into your life this week, and this can potentially change things forever, Capricorn. Exercise caution but do not be opposed to trying something new.

AQUARIUS Jan 21/Feb 18

A voyage to faraway lands might be on the table, Aquarius. A trip may be just what you need to find that extra energy as you look to shake things up.

PISCES Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, if your romantic relationship lacks spark, you may have to speak up and express your hopes and desires. Embrace all ideas.

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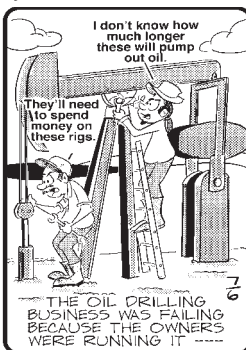
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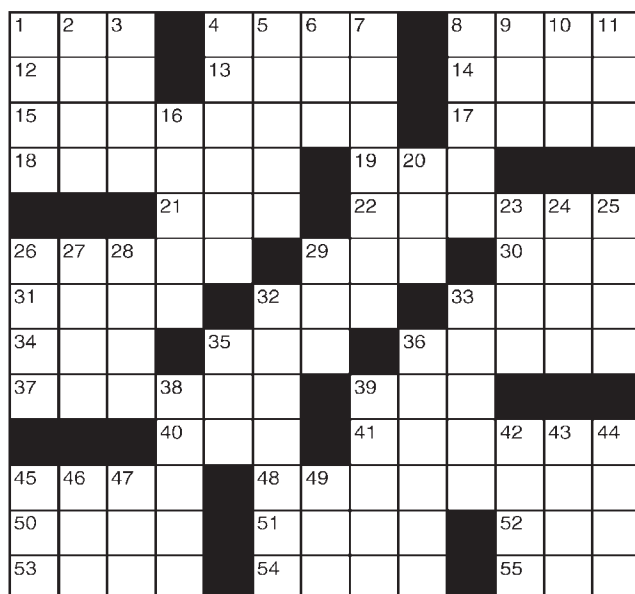
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- 1 Chum
4 With 29-Across, Conrad novel
8 Faction
12 Whatever amount
13 Dermatology subject
14 Horn sound
15 Related to summer theater
17 "That hurts!"
18 Decorate a T-shirt, '60s-style
19 Old Olds
21 "— the fields we go"
22 Trite



- 26 McCartney cohort
29 See 4-Across
30 Praise in verse
31 Doves' place
32 Eviscerate
33 Actress Cannon
34 Commotion
35 Trot
36 Part of a Santa costume
37 1935 Astaire/Rogers movie
39 Oppositionist
40 Swelled head
41 Pester
45 Oodles
- 48 Western hero's trademark
50 Suitor
51 Draftable
52 List-ending abbr.
53 Complain
54 Peruse
55 "Quiet!"
- DOWN**
- 1 History
2 Oppositionist
3 Orpheus' instrument
4 Attorney
5 Earth tone
6 Genetic stuff
7 Midwestern city
8 Remained upright
9 Debtor's letters
10 Elmer, to Bugs
11 Biblical verb ending
16 Worship
20 Shade source
23 Georgetown athlete
24 Hebrew month
25 See to
26 "Shoo!"
27 — list
28 On
- 29 Moonshine container
32 Commence hostilities
33 Thick
35 Binge
36 Went by water
38 Excited
39 Porcelain
42 "I'll have what — having"
43 Wooden strip
44 Leave an impression
45 "The Chew" network
46 Meadow
47 Rowing need
49 Weeding tool

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