

# Fenton City draws about 50,000 people daily

## ■FY 2019 audit reveals stable financial condition, improving economy

By Vera Hogan

At its Monday, Jan. 6 work session, the Fenton City Council was presented with the audit for the fiscal year ending 2019

(FY 19). In his cover letter to the mayor and City Council, City Manager Lynn Markland said, "The city of Fenton has ended the fiscal year improving



Times file photo

our stable financial condition and the economy in the community has continued to improve."

Markland reported that several businesses have remodeled or updated their facilities and several new businesses have come into the community.

During the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2019, the city's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) was very active, according to Markland. He mentioned the completion of several downtown projects

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## Tyrone Township's move is complete

■Public is invited to open house at \$1-million municipal complex on Tuesday, Jan. 21

By Vera Hogan

It's official. Tyrone Township Hall personnel have completed the move to their new offices. They will be showing off their new digs at an open house Tuesday, Jan. 21, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The public is invited — snacks and refreshments will be available, according to Supervisor Mike Cunningham.

The 8420 Runyan Lake Rd. complex was purchased for \$1 million cash from the Baptist Convention of Michigan.

Cunningham has said previously that the funds to buy the property were in the bank.

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## Mueller's in the house



Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Fenton Township) sits with a view of the Capitol Building in downtown Lansing on Wednesday, Jan. 8. He does take time to legislate, but constituent concerns come first. **See story on Page 6. Photo: Tim Jagielo**

## Increase in traffic calls for greater pedestrian caution

■As more shoppers and diners flood our communities, safety is essential

By Vera Hogan

The untimely death of 52-year-old Stephen Bale several weeks ago, on Nov. 25, 2019, is a stark reminder that with the increase in local traffic, especially in the city of

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Stephen Bale, 52, died from his injuries on Nov. 25, 2019, after being struck by an SUV on Owen Road near U.S. 23 on Nov. 24, 2019. **Submitted photo**

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“It makes me cringe when I hear women complaining about their husbands, and vice versa. How would

you feel if your spouse was suddenly not around anymore? Count your blessings today and quit whining, or get a divorce.”



“The new Linden structure is a beautiful testament to the landmark historic building that once occupied the property, but was lost due to fire in 2007. The

new Union Block proudly stands in its memory. Thank you, Dr. Wax, for believing in Linden and wanting this to be built. It's a great addition to Linden.”



“Took a drive around Fenton town last week during the nice weather. I was shocked to see all the new stores and

businesses I did not know existed. How can we find out more about these new places before they go out of business?”

## COMMENT OF THE WEEK

“‘It's usually men’ the wife said. ‘Pay attention you'll see.’ So I did, and she was right. Come on guys, use your turn signals, don't let the wife be right.”





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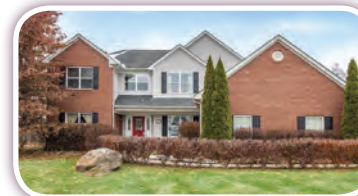
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# 'Determined to grow' in 2020

■ Local business leaders and government officials look ahead to 2020 with cautious optimism

By Tim Jagielo

**Fenton** — The 2020 Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce Forecast Breakfast was one of the best attended in recent history, as observed by Realtor Patrik Welty, chairperson for the chamber's Governance Committee.

There were no empty seats and the walls of the Fenton Community and Cultural Center were lined with chairs to accommodate the extra visitors.

Last year, 2019, was a good year for local municipalities and businesses alike, and they're seeking similar progress in 2020.

These chamber-sponsored breakfasts are held annually to give the business community an insight into the year ahead and get a sense of how the previous year went. This year's event was held Wednesday, Jan. 8.



The 2020 Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce Forecast Breakfast drew approximately 150 business people, municipal professionals and elected officials to hear about accomplishments in 2019, and hopes for 2020. Photo: Tim Jagielo

Ed Koledo, chairman of the Fenton chamber's Executive Board, opened the event, and Executive Director Shelly Day emceed, introducing the various speakers.

Matt and Ginny Sherrow, owners of Fenton Winery &

Brewery, spoke about their 12-year business journey changing menus and locations. They suggested businesses focus on their team and really determine who they are as a business.

**“If we can avoid bad events, we can avoid recession in 2020.”**

**Christopher Douglas**  
UM-Flint associate professor of economics,  
Forecast Breakfast keynote speaker

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Mark my words

By Mark Rummel

Linked to three presidential deaths

It would be amazing if one person were somehow directly linked to all three of the first U.S. presidential assassinations. Could one man be related to President Abraham Lincoln’s murder in 1865, then also present when President James Garfield was shot in 1881, and also nearby when President William McKinley was killed in 1901?

One man WAS involved with all three presidential deaths. His name was Robert Todd Lincoln, the president’s oldest son. As a 21-year-old U.S. Army Captain, Robert Lincoln had breakfast with his family at the White House on the morning when President Lincoln would be shot, April 14, 1865. He was at the White House when word of the shooting spread, and he rushed to Ford’s Theatre to be with his parents that night. Robert stood at his father’s deathbed as he died the next morning. Sixteen years later, while serving as U.S. Secretary of War, the 37-year-old Robert Lincoln was present at the Washington, D.C. train station when President Garfield was shot July 2, 1881.

Lincoln was an eyewitness to the shooting. President Garfield died about 11 weeks later. Incredibly, the 58-year-

old Lincoln was invited by President McKinley to tour the Pan-American Exposition with him in Buffalo, N.Y., on Sept. 6, 1901.

Lincoln had left government service and was working as a private lawyer at the time. He was not an eyewitness to President McKinley’s shooting, but was just outside the building where it occurred. President McKinley died a week later.

While many people urged him to run for public office in his father’s footsteps as a Republican, Robert Lincoln was



Mark Rummel

profoundly shaken by these coincidences. He refused one later presidential invitation saying, “No, I’m not going, and they’d better not ask me, because there is a certain fatality about presidential functions when I am present.”

Robert Todd Lincoln died July 26, 1926 at age 82. He lived a remarkable life in

very uncertain times in our nation. He was called a disciplined, intelligent, hard-working man who was strong, confident, witty and kind. He served his nation admirably. Being a witness to three presidential assassinations over 36 turbulent years obviously made him very sad and humble, too.

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**THE WORLD IS** on edge because of the Iran situation. Apocalyptic fires are destroying Australia. Puerto Rico is reeling from earthquakes and loss of power. But the biggest, most important news story of the week is that Hannah B has returned to The Bachelor. God save us!

**REMEMBER THE SHOW** ‘Are you smarter than a fifth-grader?’ Maybe we should ask the schools to task their fifth grade classes to come up with ideas on how to solve their community’s major problems, like fixing the roads. Couldn’t be any worse than what we have now.

**LOVED THE LETTER** to the editor from the Boy Scout suggesting the old LaJoice property at Caroline and Adelaide be developed into a theater, a place for theatrical productions and more. What a great idea.

**GIVEN THE UKRAINIAN** Airline out of Tehran airport ‘crashed’ during the heightened U.S. Iranian issue, do you think it is possible that Iranian air defense shot it down?

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

What’s a goal you want to accomplish in 2020?

street talk



“Stay healthy. Taking my grandson to hockey practice. He plays for the Powers prep team. They play out of Crystal Fieldhouse in Burton.”

Homer Feamster  
Fenton



“I want to start streaming video games on Twitch, games like ‘Call of Duty’ and ‘Madden NFL.’”

Alex Franz  
Linden



“Spending more time with my grandkids. I have three. They’re 5½ months, 4 and 10.”

Mike Seeley  
Fenton



“Lose weight. I’m trying to eat low carb. No desserts. I have to find a new place to live, too.”

Sue Jacobs  
Fenton



“I want to complete all my goals that I started in 2019. Finish remodeling the cabinets. Cleaning up everything I started.”

Dan O’Connell  
Deerfield Township



## If you have a well, you could have arsenic

■ Long-term, low-level exposure can lead to serious health effects

By Tim Jagiello

Any residents relying on well water should consider having their water tested.

Municipal water systems are required to meet all federal safe levels of chemicals like arsenic, however, residents using a well to provide water for their home are responsible for their own water safety.

Locally, there tends to be higher than safe levels of arsenic in residential well water.

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) suggests testing for this chemical. Arsenic is a naturally occurring chemical element that dissolves in groundwater and cannot be seen or tasted in water.

There are two types of arsenic — organic and inorganic. Organic arsenic exists in the food we eat. It's much less harmful than inorganic arsenic.

Inorganic arsenic is more harmful and tends to come from groundwater. It's safe to bathe in this water, but harmful effects can come from drinking it. Whether there is harm from arsenic depends on the amount and length of exposure and individual sensitivity to it.

EGLE reports that the way arsenic affects human bodies is not fully understood. However, long-term exposure to low levels

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**The intersection of Genesee, Livingston and Oakland counties, according to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), tends to have higher arsenic content.**

## Suspected arson in Argentine Township

By Sharon Stone

On Jan. 4, at approximately 4:20 a.m., Argentine Township police were dispatched to the 1500 block of Pine Ridge Drive to investigate a reported vehicle fire.

Upon arrival, officers observed a white 2016 Ford Fusion parked in the driveway with the engine compartment fully involved in fire. After speaking with the owner of the car, who said that at approximately 3:30 a.m., he was awakened by car

doors closing then two loud “popping” sounds. Seconds later, he heard vehicle tires squealing. He looked outside and saw his vehicle on fire.

He attempted to put out the fire with an extinguisher to no avail. Argentine Fire and Rescue responded and extinguished the fire.

The car was impounded and secured for the Michigan State Police arson investigation. The case remains under investigation.

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# Local people, local reps: Mike Mueller

■ 51st District rep proud of accomplishments so far, looks to 2020 to bring laws to fruition

By Tim Jagielo

**Lansing** — A little after noon on Wednesday, Jan. 8, Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Fenton Township) sat down for his first congressional session of the year, and his second full year in office for the 51st district house seat.

Mueller's constituents are in Argentine, Atlas, Fenton, Flushing and Gaines townships, and cities of Fenton and Linden.

That morning he battled the weather and traffic to drive from his family's Fenton Township apple orchard to drop off his daughter and get to his office in Lansing on time.

Despite the regular drive to Lansing, Mueller said it's easier on his blended family than being a deputy for the Livingston County Sheriff's Office. He retired from law enforcement in November 2018.

Before the votes that day, Mueller chatted with other representatives, such



Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Fenton Township) walks to seat as the House session is about to start. Photo: Tim Jagielo

as outgoing Rep. Sheldon Neeley (D-Flint). He said he sees bipartisanship at the state level.

"I share great relationships with many members across the aisle, and seek their input on practically every piece

of legislation I have introduced or plan to introduce," Mueller said. Democrats approach him on issues such as law enforcement and criminal justice. "The best way to get things done here is by working together," he said, adding that of course philosophical differences still exist.

He is the Vice Chairman of the House Military, Veterans, and Homeland Security Committee, and a member of the House Health Policy, Energy, and Agriculture Committees.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Mondays and Fridays are for meeting with constituents, attending local events and hosting coffee hours or town halls, or distributing informational flyers.

Tuesdays through Thursdays typically begin with committee or in-office meetings to discuss legislation with staff, stakeholder groups, and/or departments, whether it is his bill or a bill he's sponsoring or will soon vote on. "I typically have anywhere from three to six meetings by noon," he said.

After meetings, he attends sessions to vote on bills, which takes up the afternoon. After that, he'll have more staff discussions on the day and upcoming work.

## Q&A

**You've been in office for one year — what's the biggest thing you've learned so far?**

Things take time to get done, and legislation has a wider effect on people than what's seen on the surface. I've learned that it's best to stay patient and be deliberate.

**What's your favorite accomplishment?**

Being appointed to the Governor's Task Force on Jail and Pretrial Incarceration. This was a tremendous honor given my law enforcement background. We are working on common sense criminal justice reform that protects individual's rights and saves taxpayer dollars, all while keeping the community safe without limiting law enforcement's ability to do their job.

**What's the biggest challenge?**

To be honest, the lack of time. We are only in session three days

a week and we have too many unnecessary breaks. This gets frustrating being on two-year terms, but I understand the logistical challenges for members that have to travel long distances to be in Lansing.

**What is your goal for the next year?**

I spent my first year putting together legislation that I believe will make a meaningful difference in my district and statewide. It is my goal to pass these bills into law. I look forward to continuing my work on issues like mental health, human trafficking, roads, and criminal justice reform.

**“I share great relationships with many members across the aisle ... The best way to get things done here is by working together.”**

**Mike Mueller**

*Michigan 51st District representative*



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## POLICE & FIRE REPORT

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### Deerfield Township teen cited after head-on crash with school bus

On Wednesday, Jan. 8 at approximately 4:30 p.m., deputies with the Livingston County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to Wiggins Road near Cohoctah

Road on the report of a personal injury crash involving a school bus. The investigation revealed that a 2005 Chevrolet Silverado, being operated by an 18-year-old Deerfield Township male, was southbound when he lost control on the ice covered roadway. A Howell school bus was northbound and attempted to avoid the southbound pickup truck that crossed into the northbound lane, but was struck head on. The bus was carrying seven children

who reported minor injuries. All occupants of the bus were released at the scene to family. The driver of the Chevrolet Silverado and his 18-year-old female passenger were treated by Livingston County EMS before being released. The Deerfield Township teen was cited for driving at a speed too fast for conditions and failing to wear a seatbelt. Deputies were assisted at the scene by members of the Howell Area Fire Department and Livingston County EMS.

## WHAT YOU MISSED IN THE MIDWEEK TIMES

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

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### 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.

### Life lessons on the ice

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



### Excavator speaks out, Gold Shovel Standard fails

Contractors do not understand how Genesee County thought this was for sewer.

### Anti-robocall bill signed

TRACED Act designed to deter robocalls with harsher penalties.

### Rock stacks put Fenton 'on the map'

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

### Township adopts assault and battery ordinance

New Fenton Township ordinance prohibits assault against all individuals.

### Our Future

Meet Sam Smith, 18, a senior at Fenton High School.

### Honoring Our Veterans

New Times feature features Kelly Meade (U.S. Army 1985 to 1989). A local veteran will be honored in every Midweek and Weekend edition in 2020.

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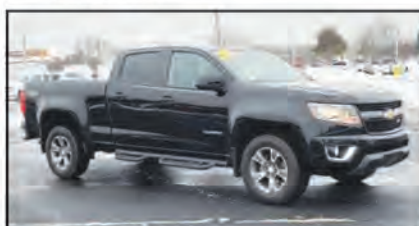
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## *What is Restaurant Week?*

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Today Restaurant Week helps highlight the variety and quality of restaurant choices in our community. Every restaurant is offering a special price or fixed price menu to encourage you to try ALL the restaurants in our town.

**We hope to see you and your families there!**

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## ‘Ride Right’

■ **DNR urges safety classes and other precautions for snowmobile season**

There's bound to be snow somewhere, despite the lack of it in the tri-county area.

As snowmobilers head north to enjoy one of the state's most popular winter outdoor activities, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds everyone to ride at a safe speed, ride on the right side of the trail and ride sober. It's all part of the DNR's "Ride Right" snowmobile safety campaign, introduced last year.

The department also is working with local law enforcement agencies to conduct snowmobile safety and sound patrols.

"We see a lot of accidents early in the season when people aren't used to the snow," said Lt. Jim Gorno, law enforcement supervisor at the DNR Customer Service Center in Gaylord. "When the first snow falls, people get excited. Take time to make sure you're comfortable with the conditions and your machine."

Lt. Jerry Fitzgibbon, the DNR's acting law enforcement supervisor for the eastern Upper Peninsula, said the department wants the public to be aware of the increased patrols. "We would rather tell people ahead of time that we will be conducting snowmobile patrols, hoping that they will slow down, instead of responding to an accident," Fitzgibbon said.

Snowstorms during the 2018-19 season kept conservation officers busy, responding to many situations involving stranded snowmobilers. There have been four snowmobile fatalities so far during the 2019-20 season.

"Conditions change year to year and day to day," Fitzgibbon said. "You can go out on a smooth trail and come home on the same trail, full of obstacles hidden under the snow. Slow down so you have enough space to stop with a clear distance. If you're going too fast to maintain control of your snowmobile, you're going too fast — whether it's 10 or 100 mph."

**See RIDE on 13**



## 'Girls on the Run' looks to expand

### ■Mid-Michigan chapter seeks new sites in Genesee County

Girls on the Run of Mid Michigan is currently looking for new sites to host programming. Girls on the Run is a physical activity-based, positive youth development program that teaches key life skills to girls in third through eighth grade through dynamic discussions and fun games that creatively integrate running.

Girls on the Run of Mid Michigan is currently accepting new sites to host teams for the spring season and provide program opportunities to more girls. Current sites include local schools, community centers, churches and hospitals. Each site must have a volunteer site liaison, a safe space for physical activity and be able to provide both outdoor and indoor meeting locations.

At each site, volunteer coaches lead small teams of girls through research-based curricula that include lessons on confidence, treating others with care and contributing to the community.

During the 10-week program, girls complete a community service project and become physically and emotionally prepared to participate in a celebratory 5K event.

One site liaison said, "As an educator in Flint for 25 years, I have found Girls on the Run to be the most effective program offered to our students. From the professional learning provided to coaches through the online training and onsite training, to the research-based curriculum and best practice strategies, every component of the Girls on the Run program is done with excellence and allows for our local volunteer coaches to feel equipped and empowered to deliver the best possible program to our students.

Girls on the Run has served over 1.2 million girls since its inception in 1996.

To learn more about starting a new Girls on the Run site, visit [gotrmidmichigan.org/Start-Site](http://gotrmidmichigan.org/Start-Site) or contact Stephanie McClintock at [stephanie.mcclintock@girlsontherun.org](mailto:stephanie.mcclintock@girlsontherun.org).

## NEWS

## BRIEFS

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

### Fenton Board of Education officers re-elected

At the Monday, Jan. 6 Fenton Board of Education meeting, the school board chose to re-elect all of its officers. They are Keith Reynolds, president (term ends 2022); Kim Gruber, vice president (term ends 2022); Pam Dickie, treasurer (term ends 2024); and Dana Jones, secretary (term ends 2024). The remaining school board members are Lynn Hopper and Scott Pushman, whose terms end this year, and Emily K. Rossmassler, whose term ends in 2022. The Fenton Board of Education members can be reached via email by their first initial of their first name and full last name @fentonschools.org.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE LADY IN the red SUV in the roundabout around 8 p.m. Tuesday evening, you had the right-of-way. You do not, I reiterate, do not stop in the middle of the roundabout when I'm already stopped at the yield sign waiting for you.

WHAT AN UNEXPECTED and pleasant surprise to look up at the front of the new building in downtown Linden and see the words Union Block embedded into the vintage-looking bricks. The classic look and design of the new structure is perfect and complements the town nicely.

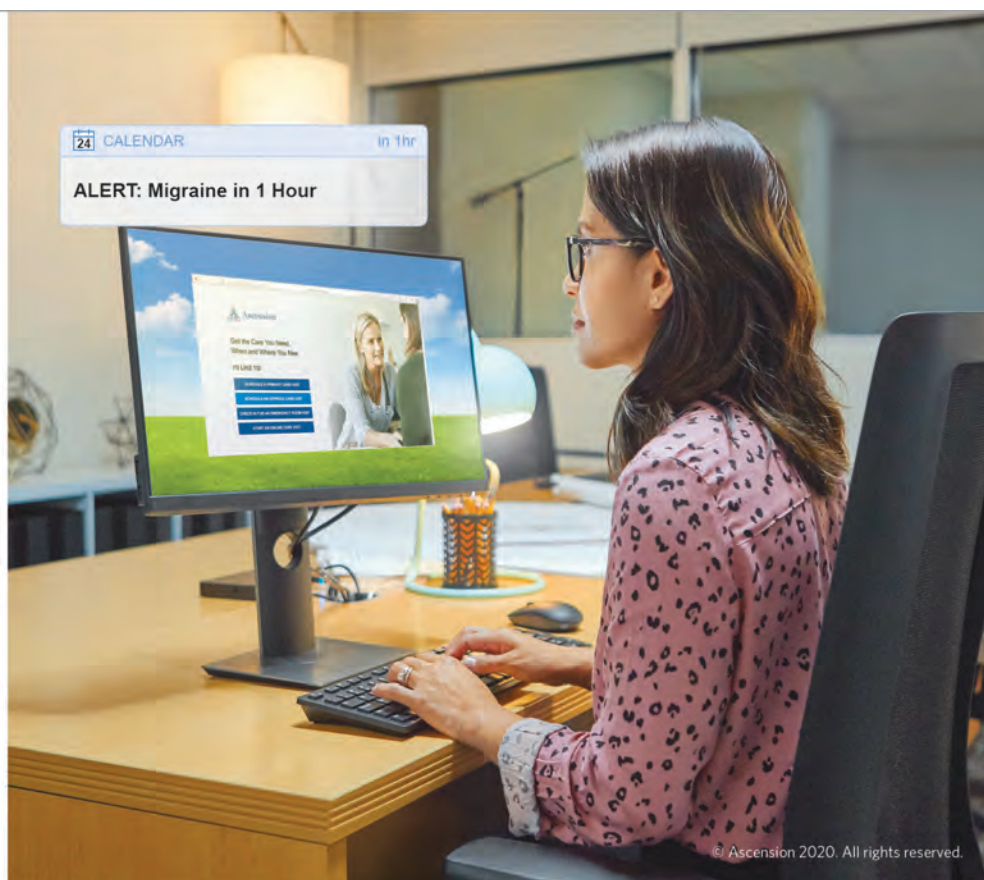
A THOUSAND DOLLARS a month via Andrew Yang's Freedom Dividend would cover the co-pay on my husband's chemo drug. The extra \$24,000 per year for both of us would be life changing for us and our children.

CRIMINALS CONVICTED OF killing someone that can be positively proven to be the murderer should not be housed, fed, clothed and given full medical attention for the rest of their life at the expense of honest hard-working people. They should be comfortably put to death.

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# Pain & Numbness in the Hands or Feet

By Erica Rainer

**P**ain and Numbness in your hands or feet, a feeling of burning, extreme cold, tingling, electrical shock like pain, even the feeling of walking on bubble wrap or like there is a sock balled up under your foot... these are all symptoms experienced by those suffering with Peripheral Neuropathy. Unfortunately drugs and injections only mask the pain and there is no surgery, other than amputation that will heal/stop neuropathy from **Neuropathy** is a term used to describe damaged nerves, primarily in the hands and/ or feet, that are progressively breaking down due to a lack of blood supply, nutrients and oxygen reaching the nerves along with a lack of communication from the brain. Since the nerves are what the brain uses to communicate with the area and they are breaking down, the brain's ability to communicate with the area lessens over time, allowing for the progression of more breakdown and worse symptoms. It can be caused by Diabetes, Poor Circulation, Poor Nutrition, Chemotherapy, Agent Orange, Misaligned Spinal Bones Placing Pressure on the Nerves, along with over 100 other causes. "Patients experience extreme sensations, loss of feeling, even No Feelings in their Hands and/or Feet along with muscles spasms, pain, weakness, numbness, tingling and burning sensations and have a very hard time with balance" says Dr. James Ide, clinic director at Painless Chiropractic & Neuropathy Treatment Center.

**This condition can eventually lead to further nerve damage, causing complete loss of legs or arms leading to amputation, death or brain injury due to falls, burns or other injuries that will not heal, along with organ failure in some cases.**

Are you or someone you love suffering with loss of balance, numbness or pain from Nerve Damage in your hands and/or feet that just won't heal?

**You are not alone.** More than 20 Million people in the U.S. are dealing with some form of Neuropathy. Most commonly noticed first in the hands or feet, causing weakness, numbness, tingling pain and debilitating balance problems, often frustrated with no place to turn and no hope of recovery. "By the time they come to see us, they feel like they have tried everything. Their MD put them on Anti-Seizure or Epilepsy meds like Gabapentin, Neurotin, Cymbalta or Lyrica and told them they will just have to live with the pain." said Dr. Ide.

**That is until now...** With recent advancements in nerve regeneration technology and treatment options, clinics all over the world are seeing larger success rates and faster results with their neuropathy patients. "This new technology paired with a multifaceted approach, has been life altering for our patients and our clinic.

The development and huge success of these new Neuropathy Protocols by Dr. Ide and his team at Painless Chiropractic & Neuropathy Treatment Center have been the talk of the town in recent months. "We have seen an increase in Neuropathy patients and the results that they are getting in a short amount of time is truly amazing" ~Kaitlin, the Patient Coordinator at the clinic. There are some things people can do at home to aide in the healing process of their neuropathy however, **healing neuropathy is an all-encompassing process that will require lifestyle changes, home care and may or may not include chiropractic, (varying from patient to patient) along with guidance from a medical professional that is experienced, skilled and board certified in treating neuropathy.**

**Your Invitation for a comprehensive Neuropathy Consultation & Examination** to determine if you are a candidate for treatment... Our paper has teamed up with Dr. Ide's team once again to help readers learn about new options for finding pain relief! All you have to do to receive a comprehensive **Neuropathy Consultation & Examination** with the most advanced Pain Free Testing and a full, easy to understand report of findings with Dr. Ide and his team is **Call 810-214-2532** Mention this article (**Code: NEURO0120**) they have agreed to reduce the usual consultation and exam fee of \$210 to just \$49. But hurry, due to



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the number of patients the office can see, this is a limited time offer, with only 25 Appointments available at this exclusively discounted rate. These will be on a first come, first serve basis, (messages left will count).

**My advice, don't suffer any longer, waiting around for it to get worse...** If you or your loved one is experiencing pain, numbness, tingling, pins and needle sensations, cramps and burning in your feet, or hands, along with the many other bodily symptoms this horrible condition plagues people with, take action because it will progress.

Find out if their Painless Neuropathy Protocols can help you regain the feeling in your hands and

damaged nerves on a daily basis. Revitalizing and healing the damaged areas, enabling them to reactivate and function at an increasingly higher rate over time, while increasing the patients quality of life dramatically". said Dr. Ide Over the years they have treated thousands of patients with chronic conditions of Neuropathy, Sciatica, Back & Neck problems, Whiplash Injuries along with Vertigo and childhood illnesses. The office is well known for tackling chronic conditions and has a good reputation. The vast majority of their patients enjoy superior, lasting relief. In fact, many who have suffered and tried other treatment options with no luck, only to have been told that they are just stuck with their pain and discomfort, have credited the care team at Dr. Ide's office for giving them their lives back! Call them now at their **Fenton location**, for a full, thorough Consultation and extensive Neuropathy Examination at \$49 (saving you \$161) to determine the severity of your neuropathy and learn if and how, Dr. Ide and his team can help you recover, just as they have helped so many others.  
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## RIDE

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During the 2017-18 snowmobile season, 80 percent of snowmobile accidents and deaths reported in the Upper Peninsula were caused by high speed, according to the Michigan Region 8 Trauma Network.

"Excessive speed, drugs and alcohol are among the top contributing factors for snowmobile accidents and fatalities," said Lt. Tom Wanless, who manages the DNR's recreational safety, education and enforcement programs. He encouraged all snowmobilers to follow basic safety reminders:

- Ride within your limits.
- Keep your machine maintained.
- Ride sober and ride on the right side of the trail.
- Stay on the trail and be careful not to trespass on private property.

Additionally, several snowmobile trails already have been hit this season with ice storms and high waters, making the need for caution even more critical. DNR trail officials said that there are many potential hazards riders must be aware of, including downed trees, deer, elevation changes and private driveways.

The DNR encourages all snowmobilers, regardless of age or experience, to take a snowmobile safety class. In Michigan, all snowmobile operators between the ages of 12 and 16 are required to take a Michigan-approved snowmobile safety course and obtain a snowmobile safety certificate to ride unsupervised or to operate a snowmobile across a road.

Learn more about snowmobiling opportunities and trail safety resources at Michigan.gov/snowmobiling.



Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland shares insights into future concepts and practical concerns, like local street repair funding. Photo: Tim Jagielo

## OPTIMISM

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"We're determined to grow, so we'll figure out how to do it," Matt, who is vice-chairman of the Executive Board, said. Overall, Ginny said they are "cautiously optimistic."

Local governments talked about what they accomplished in 2019 and what they're working on this year.

Tyrone Township Supervisor Mike Cunningham talked about road funding, the new township hall and the near build-out of Cider Mill Crossings Manufactured Home Community.

Linden Mayor Danielle Cusson said, "2020 will be a year of positive change in the city of Linden." She referenced large construction projects downtown.

Holly Village Manager Jerry Walker talked about their new police chief, their grant award for the train depot project and other accomplishments.

Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland discussed several projects, including ongoing construction for the new mixed-use building downtown, roadwork on Shiawassee Avenue and continuing work for the non-motorized

bike path. A preliminary new idea is to plan and develop a public "plaza" at the community center. Markland said it's in the conceptual stages, but could be built on the south lawn of the community center to hold events and be public space when not in use.

He discussed road repairs and how to fund them. "I'm not sure we can wait on Lansing to solve our problem," he said.

For the second year in a row, Christopher Douglas, University of Michigan-Flint associate professor of economics, was keynote speaker. He's also the chair of the Economics Department.

Douglas said that 2019 was mostly a strong year and no one would complain if 2020 brings similar stability and growth.

He is concerned about the national debt and the federal costs of healthcare. He's also concerned about Michigan underperforming economically.

Still, he doesn't expect another recession unless there's a triggering event, like a surge in the price of oil. "If we can avoid bad events, we can avoid recession in 2020," he said.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

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**A PLANE AT 8,000 feet** instantaneously vanishes from RADAR. Plane exploded. Two possibilities. Bomb or shot down. If bomb, why not wait until out of Iranian air space.

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**OUR CONGRESSIONAL REP.** Elissa Slotkin is now working on a resolution, which carries no weight or changes nothing other than a PR stunt. Her supporters think she's getting something done. She did support giving Iran \$1.5 billion and her time with the Obama Administration.

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**JUST HEARD ON NPR,** 'We can't go around killing people.' Obama did it. Trump can do it. And, by the way, Obama had a chance to get this guy but he would rather fund him. The 'nuclear agreement.'

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**ANDREW YANG IS** the best shot the DNC has for a win. They are crazy to be shutting him out. Drawing 10 percent of Republicans is huge.

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## ARSENIC

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of inorganic arsenic could cause cancer, thickening and discoloration of the skin, high blood pressure, heart disease, nerve effects such as numbness or pain and “interference with important cell functions.”

The Oakland County Health Division reports additional symptoms such as headaches, weakness, abnormal heart rhythm and stomach pain.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) set a maximum arsenic level of .010 parts per million or 10 parts per billion.

If your water tests higher than this, EGLE suggests not drinking or cooking with it.

The intersection of Genesee, Livingston and Oakland counties, according to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), tends to have higher arsenic content.

To have your water tested, call (517) 335-8184 for any county. You can also call the Genesee County Health Department at (810) 257-3603 for suggestions.

Livingston County residents are referred to local labs for testing, such as Water Tech located in Howell, which can be reached at (517) 548-2505.

Local water quality businesses such as Douglas Water Conditioning or Beauchamp Water Treatment and Supply also will test for water quality

at no charge.

Test kits are also available from local retailers for approximately \$30.

To rid your drinking water of arsenic, a reverse osmosis system is used. These can be bought from retailers for approximately \$200 and more. Suppliers will sell or rent systems, but these systems tend to be closer to \$900. Sometimes payment or rental options are available.

The problem with “off the shelf” systems is they cannot remove arsenic 3 from drinking water. Other systems oxidize arsenic 3 into arsenic 5 so it can then be removed. According to mass.gov, a certain lab test is required to discern which type one has. Most tests just quantify arsenic content overall.

According to the Genesee County Health Department (GCHD), anyone who recently drilled a new well should also test for coliform, a naturally occurring, but possibly harmful bacteria.

GCHD Director Jim Henry said it’s also important to make sure the well cap is on and intact to keep the water safe from chemicals and insects.

Other items to test for include nitrates, fluoride and lead.

Douglas Water Conditioning co-owners Ron Steward and Jason Tifefenback suggest that anyone, even residents on municipal water, get their water tested for lead due to lead solder or supply lines.

## OPEN HOUSE

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“We will not be asking our residents for a millage, special assessment, or raising the current millage rate to pay for the new building,” he said. “We have the money in our building and revolving funds. We will still continue to contribute to the maintenance of our roads and will be able to replenish the cash spent for the purchase of the new township hall in a few years, due to annual budget surpluses.”

The new township hall is more than twice the size of their Center Road

offices — 10,500 square feet versus 4,997 square feet. The new building was built in 2003 and sits on 10 acres.

“It has a lot more office space and is easier to navigate,” Cunningham said. The current chapel was converted to the public township board meeting room.

“There is plenty of room for growth,” Cunningham said.

Tyrone Township officials put the Center Road building on the market late last year. They are currently reviewing offers submitted by the Dec. 31, 2019 deadline.

## Ascent Urgent Care & Walk-In Clinic



Ascent Urgent Care & Walk-In Clinic, at 17100 Silver Parkway, Suite B in Fenton celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon-cutting Tuesday, Jan. 7. This clinic is in the same building as Genesee County 67th District Court. Ascent Urgent Care’s goal is for each patient to experience healthcare the way it should be. Their facility was developed to provide exceptional care and timeliness for each patient encounter. Amy Santoni, BS, practice administrator (holding scissors), Mir M. Asghar, MD, internal medicine/rheumatology (tan suit), and Freddy Keys, FNP-BC, family medicine/general primary care, are joined by several members of the Fenton and Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce.

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# No more sticker shock — car repairs

■ Repairs are based on hourly rate, parts, difficulty of repair; check online calculators

By Tim Jagielo

If you own a car, you're not immune from sticker shock. We've all been there. You take your car in to investigate a sound and walk out spending more than \$500.

The way auto shops set repair costs is a combination of several factors. A common way to decide what service costs is combining the cost for parts, estimated hours it will take to fix, multiplied by the hourly labor fee.

This flat rate is one way auto shops can provide you with an estimate range for what you'll pay. Some use a computer program that builds the estimate for them, including labor, parts, environmental fees and taxes.

AAA-approved repair facilities charged between \$47 and \$215 per hour as of January 2017. According to the insurance company, several factors influence the hourly flat labor rate shops charge.

Factors include whether the vehicle is domestic, foreign or exotic, whether it's in a rural or urban location, technician certifications or skill levels.

Auto-Lab of Fenton is an approved AAA repair facility, and they charge about \$99 per hour for labor, according to co-owner Barb Bishop. They adjust the rate based on several factors including the difficulty of the repair and the required skill of the technician. She said, for example, brake work requires less skill than tracing a wiring issue.

"You can call around for estimates on a particular repair but again, too many shops quote super cheap just to get you in the door and ultimately charge much more," Bishop said. "We're more interested in developing a long term relationship."

The other large part of an estimate is the parts, which shops can get for less than a consumer would at a parts store. Bishop said they buy parts from warehouses for wholesale prices for volume discounts.

Regarding quotes, she said customers can also ask more follow-up questions, such as "why is this repair required?" They can ask for a scale 1 to 10, on how much life is left in their brake pads, for example, or what would happen if a repair is postponed.

Bishop said if you believe you're not getting good honest answers or being pressured into making a decision, get a second opinion.

Bishop said they like to take the time to explain why a repair is suggested.

**Getting an online/mobile estimate**

If you have an idea of what's wrong with your vehicle, you can use the NAPA (National Automotive Parts Association) online repair calculator to get a ballpark repair cost idea.

Supply your vehicle make, model, year and home zip code and it will provide an estimate range for parts and labor. A 1998 Jeep Wrangler will cost between \$1,150 and \$1,250 to have the clutch replaced in Flint. Most of that job is the \$829 in parts.

It will cost you between \$513 and \$545 to have the fuel pump replaced in a 2007 Dodge Caravan in Fenton.

You can check with your smartphone on the spot by searching for "NAPA Auto Repair Estimator." Another option is the "RepairPal" estimator also online.

These are just estimates and you won't know for sure until you speak with a technician.

**“The best way to avoid sticker shock is to educate yourself, be informed.”**

**Barb Bishop**

*Auto-Lab of Fenton co-owner*

## ARE YOU BUILDING SOMETHING UNIQUE?

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## AUDIT

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including the construction of the Horizon Building, the new ReJuv Ave. building and the new four-story building currently under construction in the downtown area. He also highlighted the recent construction of the former Kmart property and other improvements along Silver Parkway.

"The real estate values and home ownership have continued to improve in the city," Markland said. "... These new homes represent additional property tax income for the city and will aid in increasing the city population for the 2020 Census."

The current population of the city of Fenton is 11,746, he reported. "The city of Fenton's population growth is an unusual trend in the state of Michigan," Markland said. "Population growth continued during the recession and

projections by Genesee County indicate that growth in the city of Fenton will continue through at least 2035.

"With all of the businesses in the city, the daytime population is estimated at 50,000," he said. "There is a high level of interest for developing in Fenton, as reflected by interest from business and residential developers. The city's location near several major metropolitan markets and our relatively new position as the commercial hub for southern Genesee, northern Livingston, and western Oakland counties, quality education systems, abundant natural resources, downtown development, commercial redevelopment and

the overall quality of life improvements will continue to make Fenton an attractive community."

The city of Fenton's FY 2019 audit by Yeo & Yeo, CPAs and Business Consultants, can be read in its entirety with the online version of this report at myfenton.com.

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## LOOKING BACK at this week in HISTORY

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### JAN. 12

**1984:** An international panel overseeing the restoration of the Great Pyramids in Egypt overcomes years of frustration when it abandons modern construction techniques in favor of the method employed by the ancient Egyptians. Located at Giza outside Cairo, some of the oldest manmade structures on earth were showing severe signs of decay by the early 1980s. Successful repair work began on the 4,600-year-old Sphinx in 1981, but restoration of the pyramids proved destructive when water in modern cement caused adjacent limestone stones to split. On Jan. 12, 1984, restorers stopped using mortar and adopted the system of interlocking blocks practiced by the original pyramid builders. From thereon, the project proceeded smoothly.

### JAN. 13

**1128:** Pope Honorius II grants a papal sanction to the military order known as the Knights Templar, declaring it to be an army of God. Led by the Frenchman Hughes de Payens, the Knights Templar organization was founded in 1118. Its self-imposed mission was to protect Christian pilgrims on their way to and from the Holy Land during the Crusades.

### JAN. 14

**1980:** After being released from government control, gold reaches a new record price, exceeding \$800 an ounce. Gold is scattered sparsely throughout the earth's crust and since ancient times has been treasured for both its scarcity and metallurgic properties. Before the 19th century, most nations maintained a bimetallic monetary system, which often included gold but consisted mainly of silver. By the late 19th century most industrialized nations were on the gold standard. In the new global economy, the common standard facilitated international monetary transactions and stabilized foreign exchange rates.

### JAN. 15

**1929:** Martin Luther King Jr. is born in Atlanta, Georgia. He received a doctorate degree in theology and in 1955 helped organize the first major

protest of the African-American civil rights movement. The peaceful protests he led throughout the American South were often met with violence, but King and his followers persisted, and the movement gained momentum.

### JAN. 16

**1919:** The 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, prohibiting the manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes, is ratified by Congress. The movement for the prohibition of alcohol began in the early 19th

century, when Americans concerned about the adverse effects of drinking began forming temperance societies.

### JAN. 17

**1950:** Eleven men steal more than \$2 million from the Brink's Armored Car depot in Boston, Massachusetts. It was the perfect crime — almost — as the culprits weren't caught until January 1956, just days before the statute of limitations for the theft expired.

### JAN. 18

**1778:** The English explorer Captain James Cook becomes the first

European to discover the Hawaiian Islands when he sails past the island of Oahu. Two days later, he landed at Waimea on the island of Kauai and named the island group the Sandwich Islands, in honor of John Montague, who was the earl of Sandwich and one of his patrons.

Source: history.com

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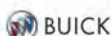
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## 'Mix and mingle' with fun dance events

■ Local residents take to the dance floor with lessons and dance parties

**By Sally Rummel**

Dancing is such a huge part of our culture, but we spend more time watching the artful moves of Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey in "Dirty Dancing" (1987) and John Travolta in "Saturday Night Fever" (1977) than we actually go dancing ourselves.

People love to watch others dance, which is why "Dancing With the Stars" and "So You Think You Can Dance" are such popular reality TV shows.

But what about dancing as an activity to enjoy on your own or as a couple? It will get you off the couch this winter and into an activity that will keep your mind and body fit while you're being social

“Everyone dances with everyone else. We mix and mingle.”

**Coreena Storms**  
*Fenton resident*



Tom Sunday of Fenton Township dances with JoAnn Hunter of Mundy Township at a Monday evening class in Linden.  
Photo: Tim Jagielo

and having fun.

While you're sitting home wishing winter would soon be over, there's an entire dance community in the

tri-county area that is regularly "strutting their stuff" on local dance floors.

Collette Simerson of Fenton Township enjoys teaching ap-



Alice Bowers of Brighton Township dances with Jim Luisier of Burton on Monday night, Jan. 6 during a group lesson at the Linden VFW Hall. Photo: Tim Jagielo

proximately 30 to 40 people at the Linden VFW Hall every Monday evening, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. "It's good for you not only physically, but also emotionally when you're dancing to upbeat music," she said.

She believes that anyone can learn to dance with practice and motivation. "It doesn't matter whether you're short, fat, tall or skinny, most women just love

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Men tend to be out-numbered at these group lessons, according to attendees. Jim Luisier of Burton leads Joani Wood of Linden in an East Coast Swing session. Photo: Tim Jagielo

## DANCE

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to dance," she said. "Some men hang out in the parking lot before getting up enough nerve to come in. Then it's all fun from there on."

She teaches East Coast Swing, Cha-cha, the Waltz, Nightclub Two-Step and line dancing, among others. When she's in Florida during the winter months, instructor Al Pickett takes her place on the dance floor.

Simerson was one of the original members of the Great Lakes Swing Dance Club, founded in 1991. Between 120 and 200 dancers descend upon Rollhaven Skate & Fun Center in Grand Blanc Township every Wednesday night for lessons and social dancing.

A dance lesson runs from 6 to 7 p.m., with open dancing from 7 to 10 p.m., dancing to the tunes from five weekly rotating DJs. Dance lessons begin the first Wednesday of

### Benefits of dancing

- Boosts memory
- Improves flexibility
- Reduces stress
- Diminishes depression
- Helps your heart
- Weight loss
- Improved balance
- Increases energy
- Socializing

Source: Everydayhealth.com

the month with a new dance step to learn for the month. "This month it's 'the Hustle,'" said Jim Vroman, club president. "In February, it will be the Nightclub Two-Step."

Total membership in the club during 2019 was 255. Many of these dancers are from the Fenton, Linden and Holly areas, Vroman said.

## SUMMARY

■ Dancing is a recreational activity that's beneficial for all ages and both genders. You can enjoy dance events or lessons, or can learn more privately at local dance studios.

Terry and Julie Lane of Holly enjoy dancing for fun as an activity they can do together. "We've been dancing together for 15 years," Julie said. "We just wanted something fun we could do together when we got married."

The Lanes used to dance competitively, but now spend their time dancing for enjoyment and exercise. They also teach a handful of students in their at-home dance room.

Coreena Storms of Fenton usually dances three nights per week, from the Linden VFW Hall on Mondays to the Great Lakes Swing Dance Club on Wednesdays and social dancing on Fridays.

"It's just a fun way to dance," she said. "As a single person, I can learn structured couples' dances. Everyone dances with everyone else. We mix and mingle."

As a 'single,' Storms also appreciates the safety of these dance environments. "It's like a family wedding, it's not intimidating at all," she said.

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# GOTTA DANCE

**Compiled By Vera Hogan**

Everyone knows that dancing is just plain fun and makes people happy (not to mention it's great exercise). Ginger Rogers, who famously danced up a storm in the 1930s and '40s with Fred Astaire, shared a great quote about dancing. That is, "There's nothing a man can do, that I can't do better backwards and in heels."

Fred Astaire said, "I just put my feet on the ground and move them around." Gene Kelly, another favorite celebrity dancer famously said, "Any man who looks like a sissy while dancing is just a lousy dancer."

John Travolta, who dazzled the country with his disco style said, "Dancing's part of my soul. I enjoy it, it makes people happy, and it makes me happy."

Here are a few well-known celebrity performers and dance partners in action:

## Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers



Affectionately known as "Fred and Ginger," Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers were to musical movies what Fonteyn and Nureyev were to ballet. In *Smoke Gets in Your Eyes* (1935), the grace and the passion among them are evident.

Photo: waldina.com

## Gene Kelly and Rita Hayworth



Gene Kelly is well known for his solo tap dance numbers, but he became famous originally for his work with Rita Hayworth in films such as *Cover Girl* (1944). While they didn't dance as often or as fervently as Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, this couple had the same chemistry and were absolutely magical onscreen.

Photo: aenigma-images.com

## John Travolta and Karen Lynn Gomey



In the 1977 movie *Saturday Night Fever*, a 19-year-old Italian-American from Brooklyn, played by John Travolta, tries to escape the harsh reality of his bleak family life by dominating the dance floor at the local disco. His performance made disco a household (and dance floor) name. Photo: aenigma-images.com

## John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John



The hit movie musical *Grease* (1978) had many excellent dance scenes, but the ones featuring the male and female leads dancing and singing together are some of the most fun ones. It's the music, and the dancing that make this partnership between John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John so much fun to watch. Photo: cltampa.com

## Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey



In 1987 *Dirty Dancing* took the world by storm. Not only were girls attracted to the magnetic Patrick Swayze, but also to the idea of choosing one's future instead of having it chosen for you. Just remember, "Nobody puts Baby in the corner!" Photo: womanmagazine.co.uk

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### Dort Federal Credit Union converts to statewide charter, changes name

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### Comfort is the key

I don't know about anyone else but I am so grateful to have a job where I can wear comfortable attire. I don't dress like a slob (I don't think), but everything is clean, wrinkle-free and everything matches, even my socks.

When I was a kid, we were not allowed to wear pants or shorts, casual shirts or sneakers to school. Those were reserved for gym class. We wore skirts with nice button-up blouses with a collar, dresses and crew socks or knee-highs with good shoes. I'm aging myself when I say saddle shoes, but I did have a pair for a while. Then it was on to loafers.

It wasn't until my sophomore year in high school that we were able to wear pantsuits to school, and they were (gulp) made of polyester. The boys had them, too, and used to call them "lesion suits." Whoever came up with the pantsuit and leisure suit idea was ... I won't say it.

But as a 15-year-old sophomore, it was exciting to be able to wear pants to school for the first time ever. Then the late '60s arrived and my wardrobe consisted of a pair of worn out bell-bottom, hip-hugger jeans, a long-sleeved T-shirt and suede jacket with tassels (complete with colorful beads) on the sleeves. Yup, I was definitely a hippie for a couple of years, or at least dressed like one.



VERA HOGAN

When I got my first office job, my wardrobe had to change, mostly because my dad got me the job and he would kill me if I didn't dress appropriately. I started wearing nice slacks and/or skirts with matching silky blouses, nylon stockings and high heels. I refused, however, to give into the brief trend when women would complete their office suit ensemble with a man's tie.

When the movie Saturday Night Fever came out in 1977 and discos and nightclubs started popping up everywhere, I found myself buying some pretty fancy little dresses to wear when my friends and I went "clubbing." Mine were mostly silky or velvety black, blue or red, with some glittery accents. Again, we wore nylon stockings and impossibly high heels. I'm surprised I didn't break a leg on the

dance floor.

Today, I see what women wear to work and it seems like "comfort" is the key. I agree. Who wants an employee or a coworker who can't concentrate because they are uncomfortable in their attire?

I'm still a bit old-school though. I like jeans on jean day, which remains Friday at most companies. But I have a hard time embracing the jeans with rips, tears and holes in them. That still remains in my mind a sign of poverty, not a look I'd pay \$200 to achieve. Oh well, wonder what's next in the fashion world.

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](mailto:vhogan@tctimes.com).

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## TRAFFIC

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Fenton, extreme caution is needed for the safety of pedestrians — and handicapped citizens.

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Bale died as a result of injuries sustained when his wheelchair was struck by an SUV on Owen Road, west of U.S. 23 in Fenton. On Sunday, Nov. 24, 2019, Bale was crossing from the north side of Owen Road to the south side without using the crosswalk, police said. He died the next day at the hospital. Neither speed nor alcohol were factors in the crash.

According to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA), at some point in the day, everyone is a pedestrian, and pedestrian fatalities remain high. There was a more than 3 percent increase in the number of pedestrians killed in traffic crashes in 2018, totaling 6,283 deaths — the most deaths since 1990.

NHTSA offers the following tips for pedestrian safety:

- **Be predictable.** Follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals.
- **Walk on sidewalks** whenever they are available.
- **If there is no sidewalk**, walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible.

- **Keep alert at all times;** don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes (and ears) off the road.

- **Whenever possible**, cross streets at crosswalks or intersections, where drivers expect pedestrians. Look for cars in all directions, including those turning left or right.

- **If a crosswalk** or intersection is not available, locate a well-lit area where you have the best view of traffic. Wait for a gap in traffic that allows enough time to cross safely; continue watching for traffic as you cross.

- **Never assume a driver** sees you. Make eye contact with drivers as they approach to make sure you are seen.

- **Be visible at all times.** Wear bright clothing during the day, and wear reflective materials or use a flashlight at night.

- **Watch for cars** entering or exiting driveways or backing up in parking lots.

- **Avoid alcohol and drugs** when walking; they impair your abilities and your judgment.

### TIPS FOR DRIVERS

Drivers are reminded to turn on

vehicle headlights at dusk and be vigilant in looking out for cyclists and pedestrians. Additionally, drivers should:

- Stop for pedestrians at crosswalks.
- Slow down and obey the posted speed limit.
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# Lake Fenton cheer places fourth at first Metro jamboree

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity girls competitive cheer team competed in its first Metro League jamboree ever on Wednesday, and the Blue Devils made a solid impression.

Lake Fenton was the tri-county area's top performing squad and also the

top-performing new Metro program at Wednesday's jamboree, placing fourth at Swartz Creek High School.

Swartz Creek won (717.66) while Kearsley (716.32) and Clio (685.22) placed second and third, respectively.

Lake Fenton posted a score of 677.54 while Fenton was fifth with

a score of 648.64. Holly was ninth (603.06) while Linden placed 10th (587.30) in the 12-team event.

The Blue Devils posted a round one score of 209.00, establishing Lake Fenton into fourth place.

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## Sports Times

### Eagles avenge losses, edge Bronchos

By David Troppens

**Goodrich** — Wednesday was a good night for the Linden varsity wrestling team.

The Eagles finished second to Holly in the Metro League race a year ago and also lost in the team district tournament against Goodrich.

They avenged both losses at Goodrich High School, beating Holly 38-34 and Goodrich 49-21.

"We like the heart in some wrestlers of our wrestlers tonight," Linden varsity wrestling coach Kyle Summerfield said. "Some of what we demonstrate and expect in the room is starting to carry over. Underclassmen stepped up today. We need to get a few more upper classman to do the same. It's all about growing and peaking at the right time of year. This was step one in the Metro. We have several steps still to climb to reach our goal."

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Linden's Jaylon Berry tries to pin Holly's Luke Leighty during the Eagles' victory against Holly. Times photo: David Troppens



Linden's Blake Lund drives to the bucket against Lake Fenton's Matt Turgeon. Times photo: Mark Bolen

### Linden cruises past Blue Devils

By David Troppens

Prep basketball games are 32-minute contests.

For 24 minutes, the Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team hung with the defending Metro League champion Linden Eagles.

However, there was one eight-minute period that the Eagles dominated and that stretch decided the victor in a battle of neighboring schools.

Linden outscored Lake Fenton 26-12 in the second quarter, resulting in the Eagles' 18-point halftime. The Blue Devils played even with the Eagles during the second half, but the damage had already been done as the Eagles soared to a 70-53 victory.

"The second quarter was a good one for us," Linden varsity boys basketball coach Chris Root said. "We were able to get in a rhythm and did a

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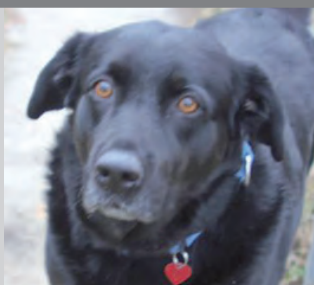


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# Blue Devils' press sparks easy win vs. Linden Eagles

By David Troppens

**Lake Fenton** — It looked like the Linden varsity girls basketball team had weathered the storm and were about ready to compete with the Blue Devils Tuesday.

Lake Fenton's press and uptempo play had an adverse impact on the Eagles during the first 12 minutes of the contest. The result was a 23-7 Lake Fenton lead after a layup by Katelyn Siebert with 4:14 left in the half.

However, Linden started making a run, and got back into the game. The run started with a Delanie Prince hoop, followed by a three-pointer by Jordan Peterson. About a minute later, a diving layup by Alexcis Parker cut the Lake Fenton lead to just 23-14. Suddenly, it looked like the Eagles had survived the storm and were steadily getting back into the contest.

However, that's when the Blue Devils turned up the heat again. Lake Fenton's pressing defense forced the Eagles into seven turnovers during the final three minutes of the first half, sparking the Blue Devils' 12-2 run. Suddenly, the Blue Devils were completely back in command, leading 35-16 at the break. Lake Fenton never lost control of the game again, eventually winning a 69-26 verdict against the Eagles.



Linden's Alexcis Parker (middle) tries to deal with Lake Fenton's defense in the Blue Devils' victory.

Times photo: Christopher Summers

"It was the moment of the game," Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Brian VanBuren said. "Even with us having a little bit of a lead, it was a competitive game. There was a point we were blowing it open, but they got back into it and there was work to be done. ... That pace right before the half changed things. Suddenly, bang, bang and we are up by 19. We came out of the locker room up 19 and we were able to just play basketball. We were relaxed."

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## EAGLES

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The Holly bout wasn't decided until the final match between Linden's Bryce Shingleton and Holly's Brian James at 119 pounds. The teams were tied 34-34 entering the bout, but Shingleton earned the major decision victory, giving the Eagles the win.

Earning pinfall wins for Linden were Josh Brennen (125), and Tyler McCabe (103). Colton Powell (189) earned a victory by tech fall while Jaylin Berry

(145), Jayden Rittenbury (152) and Uz-ziah Delgado (171) won major decisions. Adelia Carr (119) also won her match by forfeit.

Holly's Mason Forsythe (135), Tyler Hild (215) and Kolten Steele (285) won by pinfalls while Andrew Kolman (112) and Nate Young (140) won by tech fall. Jacob Gonzales (152) won by forfeit.

Shingleton, Berry, Rittenbury, Delgado and Powell earned 2-0 marks, with Powell earning his 100th career victory.

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nice job just taking quality shots, enabling us to stretch the lead out."

"The second quarter was the difference," Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Josh Fox said. "The third quarter was 18-18 and it was 13-14 (Lake Fenton winning the quarter) in the fourth. We have to preach the message of consistency and maintain our focus on the game. We can't let the turnovers haunt us."

The Eagles (4-1) posted their second-highest point total of the season. Blake Lund had a strong contest, scoring a game-high 23 points. However, the Eagles had others who had big offensive nights as well. Eli Beil netted 14 points while Seeger DeGayner also

scored double-digits, netting 12 points.

"I saw some improvement on both ends of the floor," Root said. "We were able to get out on the break a little better than we had the last couple of games. We were sharp offensively, and I hope we can continue to improve upon that the rest of the season."

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# LF wrestlers gaining experience during Metro League dual meet

By David Troppens

**Lake Fenton** — The Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team has a young squad that's looking at strides of progress on a weekly basis more than wins right now.

The Blue Devils saw some of those signs of progress

in two competitive losses at home against Flushing and Corunna on Wednesday.

Lake Fenton lost to Corunna 40-28 and then lost a tighter bout against Flushing 42-36.

"We are a young team,"

Lake Fenton varsity wrestling coach Vance Corcoran said.

"We only have one or two seniors and we competed. These are good programs and we competed and did what we had to do. They wrestled hard. To come in score 36 on Flushing and 28 on Corunna is all right. We'll get better."

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Lake Fenton's Gavin Lawrence works on beating his Flushing opponent Wednesday. Times photo: David Troppens

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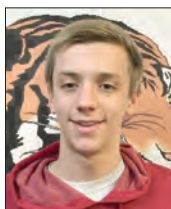
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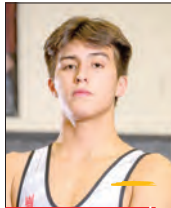
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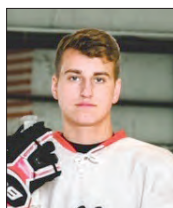
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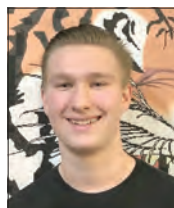
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## Bronchos edge past Corunna, 56-54

By David Troppens

The 2020 portion of Holly's varsity boys basketball season began on a high note.

The Bronchos ended a three-game losing streak, winning a tight 56-54 home contest against Corunna Tuesday night.

It was a tight contest throughout, with both teams enjoying leads. The

Bronchos trailed 38-33 entering the fourth quarter, but outscored Corunna 23-16 during the final eight minutes, earning the Bronchos the victory.

Ryan Ortiz played a huge role in the strong fourth quarter, scoring 10 of his team-high 13 points during the final eight minutes.

Holly led 14-7 after one quarter.

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## Holly girls fall to Lady Cavaliers, 41-38

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity girls basketball team seems to be creating streaks in pairs this season.

The squad lost its first two games, but bounced back to win its next two. However, since those victories, the Bronchos have now lost two straight games. The second loss came on Tues-

day when Holly lost a tight 41-38 road contest against the Corunna Cavaliers.

The Bronchos started strong, leading 12-6 after one quarter. Holly still led 21-15 at halftime. However, Corunna cut the Holly lead to just 27-26 entering the fourth quarter as the Bronchos only scored six third-quarter points.

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## Second half costs Fenton vs. Goodrich

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity boys basketball team remained competitive with the Goodrich Martians for a half.

The Tigers were tied with Goodrich 21-21 at the half, but ended up losing to the Martians 55-38.

Fenton trailed 13-9 after one quar-

ter, but reversed the scoring in the second quarter, resulting in the 21-21 halftime deadlock. Goodrich opened up a lead in the third quarter, taking a 37-27 lead into the final eight minutes. The Tigers never led in the fourth quarter.

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### PREP REPORT

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

► **Lake Fenton freshmen 56, Linden freshmen 49:** Colin Weiss led the Eagles with 16 points while Charlie Powell had 10 points.

► **Linden JV 81, Swartz Creek JV 70:** The Eagles (3-1) were led by Lance Barkholz who scored a team-high 22 points. Brandon Green scored 22 points while Logan Bushon had 10

points. Aiden Miller netted nine points while Aiden Krueger netted seven points.

#### HOCKEY

► **Tri-Valley Titans 6, Fenton/Linden 1:** Heyden Justus scored the Griffins' only goal off an assist by Parker Harrison.



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At their meeting of January 6, 2020, the Fenton Township Board adopted the following ordinances:

1. Ordinance No. 817, a Zoning Ordinance amendment to rezone parcel 06-22-400-047 (14337 Eastview Drive) from C-2 to R-5.
2. Ordinance No. 818, an ordinance regarding Assault & Battery offenses.

Complete copies of the adopted ordinances may be obtained at the office of the Fenton Township Clerk, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430. The ordinances are also available on Fenton Township's website at www.fentontownship.org.

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PUBLIC NOTICE  
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BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS  
JANUARY 6, 2020

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday January 6, 2020 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

1. Trustee Goupil offered the opening prayer.
2. Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
3. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of \$301,501.76.
4. Received the 4th Quarter and 2019 Annual Report from Fire Chief Ryan Volz.
5. Received a law enforcement update from the Genesee County Sheriff Department.
6. Adopted Ordinance No. 817, a Zoning Ordinance amendment to rezone parcel 06-22-400-047 (14337 Eastview Drive) from C-2 to R-5.
7. Voted not to adopt a proposed Sewer System Ordinance amendment to require all sewer contractors to be Gold Shovel Standard certified.
8. Adopted Ordinance No. 818, regarding Assault & Battery offenses.
9. Approved funding for PEG Grant applications from Fenton Area Public Schools, Lake Fenton Community Schools, Linden Community Schools, Hartland Consolidated Schools, Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation and the FACT Consortium.
10. Scheduled a public hearing for January 20, 2020 to obtain citizen input regarding potential local road improvement projects for 2020.
11. Approved 2020 Summer Tax Collection Agreements with Linden Community Schools, Fenton Area Public Schools and the Genesee Intermediate School District.
12. Accepted the resignation of Brett DeWeese from the Fenton Township Fire Department.
13. Adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at [www.fentontownship.org](http://www.fentontownship.org).

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97 Is in a hole

99 Film scorer Schifrin

101 Sportage or Soul maker

102 Clairol products

104 Gibbon, e.g.

106 — -relief

107 White wader

110 Enthusiasm

113 Soup legume

115 Dandy fellow

116 Full of cheek

117 Rift-causing

119 Least near

122 Sci-fi gift

123 Hand-thrown weapons

124 Scottish beef animal

125 Scrabble 4-pointer

126 Right to use another's land

127 Opera text
- 128 Scrabble 1-pointers

DOWN

1 Nothin' at all

2 Gem State

3 \* A thousand and a googol, e.g.

4 \* March Madness quarterfinal teams

5 Family member

6 Slivovitz and kirsch

7 Has a debate

8 \* 1998 Tom Clancy novel

9 Family members

10 Adversary

11 Cease's partner

12 Flimflam

13 \* Part of the Constitution establishing the judiciary

14 Very nervy

15 "... so far — know"

16 \* Helicopter of the U.S. president

17 Major Norse god

18 Sublet, say

19 Therefore

27 Ignore rudely
- 30 Trendy

36 Typical lab rat, e.g.

39 See 23-Across

41 It has a charge

43 Pivotal line

44 Split-off group

45 Deuce follower

46 Specifically

47 Neighbor of Quebec

48 Place (down)

50 \* Request for a hand slap

57 Engine cover

59 LCD alternative

60 Ski- —

61 Consume

64 \* Group of defendants that included Abbie Hoffman

68 "Hold on!"

69 Styling stuff

70 Furry scarf

71 Consume

72 Occasion to shout out the ends of the answers to this puzzle's starred clues (from left to right)

73 Dress fussily
- 74 Handed over

75 In this way, informally

76 Withdrawal

77 \* "She Loves You" band's nickname

78 \* Tangoing truism

79 Lofty poetry

80 Heart

81 Toast topper

82 \* A state of bliss

84 Window area

85 View

87 Rustic denial

89 View

95 Capital of Latvia

98 Helical form

100 Taoism founder

103 Omit in speech

105 Nicholas Gage memoir

108 City in Germany

109 Styles

110 Knife feature

111 Old Italian currency

112 Bird class

114 Bird hangout

118 Snead of golf

120 Classic British sports car

121 Hard drinker

Weekend Crossword

PUZZLE CLUE:  
COUNTING DOWN

1	2	3		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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NOTICE OF VARIANCE REQUEST  
TUESDAY, January 28, 2020

Notice is hereby given that the City of Fenton Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, for the purpose of considering a variance request to permit the construction of an addition to the west side (rear) of the building located at 101 N. Alloy Drive, Fenton, Michigan Tax ID #53-34-526-001. The proposed addition will encroach into the required setback a distance of ten feet.. The property is zoned IND, Industrial District, where a thirty feet setback is required abutting US-23.

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

A copy of the variance request is available for public inspection at the City of Fenton offices, 301 South Leroy Street, during regular business hours. Written comments concerning the variance 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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MIDWEEK SUDOKU ANSWERS

7	4	1	6	9	2	3	5	8
6	9	5	4	3	8	2	1	7
8	3	2	7	5	1	4	6	9
1	8	3	5	7	6	9	4	2
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9	5	4	2	8	3	1	7	6
4	1	8	9	6	7	5	2	3
3	2	7	8	1	5	6	9	4
5	6	9	3	2	4	7	8	1

WEEKEND SCRAMBLE ANSWERS:  
RETURN, ROBUST, YIELD, SECRET.  
Answer: LECTURE

WEEKEND SUDOKU ANSWERS

1	4	2	7	8	6	5	9	3
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8	2	9	5	7	4	1	3	6
3	6	4	9	1	8	7	5	2
7	5	1	2	6	3	9	8	4

MIDWEEK JUMBLE ANSWERS:  
OUNCE, THINK, TRUDGE, BROACH  
Answer: The oil drilling business was failing because the owners were running it — INTO THE GROUND

MIDWEEK CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Solution Time: 27 min.

PAL	LORD	SIDE
ANY	ACNE	TOOT
STRAW	WHAT	OUCH
TIED	YE	REO
OER	OLD	HAT
STARR	JIM	ODE
COTE	GUT	DYAN
ADO	JOG	BEARD
TOPHAT	CON	
EGO	HASSLE	
ALOT	WHITE	HAT
BEAU	AONE	ETC
CARP	READ	SHH



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WEEKEND WORD SEARCH ANSWERS

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WEEKEND CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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LAW	IMAGINES	ATTIRING
CHEST	NUN	MIAMIS
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SUE	ISOFT	TAIL
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OREOS	GAR	ELF
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SEQUOL	OWES	LALO
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EGRET		
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GRENADES	ANGUS	COW
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**Richard Cain**

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**Joe Taubitz**

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**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 was held at 11 AM on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Following the service, Leon was entombed at Tyrone Memory Gardens. Leon's family invited all who knew him to a visitation that was 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](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).

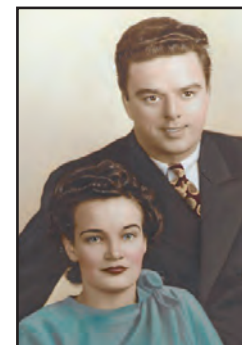

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**Burnell Sheridan Haack**

1922-2020

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**Eunice Weatherford**

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**James Harris**

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**Victor M. Alcalde**  
Victor M. Alcalde - age 92,  
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**Paul T. French**  
Paul T. French - age 55,  
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**Patricia S. Blasco**  
Patricia S. Blasco - age 82,  
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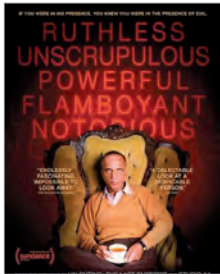
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HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

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**ZBA20-002 Mike Lester, 12294 Windsor Beach:** Requesting a 3 ft. variance  
to expand an existing deck into the sight line setback at 12294 Windsor  
Beach, parcel 06-11-531-008.

**ZBA20-003 Ridgway White, 111E Court St, Flint MI 48502:** Requesting  
a 20 ft. sight line setback variance and a variance from the requirement to  
have at least a 4:12 roof pitch to build a new house at 14091 Swanee Beach,  
parcels 06-23-530-013 and 06-23-530-014.

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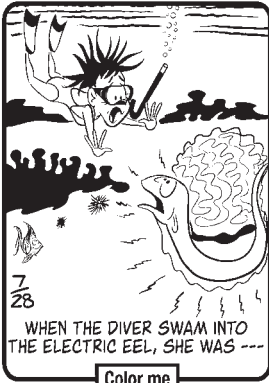
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Jumble: KIT  
Answer: When the diver swam into the electric eel, she was ---  
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