

'Our tribute to history'

■ Dr. Wax building on track for completion

By Hannah Ball

A new "Union Block" inset stone is displayed in downtown Linden as part of the new building on the northeast corner of Broad and Bridge streets.

Dr. Nicole Wax, owner of Dr. Wax Orthodontics and the newest development being built in Linden, said, "The 'UNION BLOCK' sign was specifically included to remember the original union block building that was once there. Our tribute to history."

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“Many people who have lived in Linden since before the original Union Block burned have said it’s nice to see the corner rebuilt.”

Nicole Wax

Dr. Wax

Orthodontics owner

The new Union Block building is well under construction and on track for May 2020 occupancy.

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Weekend Times

2020 presidential primary election candidates

DEMOCRATS



Compiled By Vera Hogan

On Tuesday, March 10, Michigan voters will go to the polls to decide in the primary election which candidate they would like to see on the Democratic ticket for President of the United States. They are (in alphabetical order):



Joe Biden

Joe Biden, 77

Biden represented Delaware in the U.S. Senate from 1973 to 2009 before serving as vice

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REPUBLICANS

Compiled By Vera Hogan

Not much has been said about the two other Republicans who hope they will get their party's nod and move onto the November elections. Michigan voters will have a chance to make their decision from among these three candidates in the March 10 primary election:



Donald Trump

President Donald Trump, 73

Donald Trump is the 45th and current President of the United

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Mott Community College seeking capital improvement dollars

■ Asking for .36 mills in addition to .641 mills already being paid for operating millage

By Vera Hogan

Genesee County voters will be asked to vote on another Mott Community College bond proposal during the primary election on Tuesday, March 10.

Those living in the Mott Community College district will be asked to support paying .36 mills for a maximum of 20 years for the purpose of making

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“From the parents of a child with unique needs, I want to thank the students at Lake Fenton High School for supporting our kids as they played basketball Friday. Every student clapped and cheered for them. You have no idea how much it means to them.”



“Thank you, Holly and area blood donors, volunteers and Versiti staff. We had a successful blood drive, Tuesday, Feb. 18 at Holy Calvary UMC. Our next blood drive is Tuesday, April 28, from 1-7 p.m. at Holly Calvary Methodist, 15010 N. Holly Rd., Holly.”

COMMENT OF THE WEEK

“Great article, Sharon, on the need to crack down on criminal doctors selling prescriptions.”



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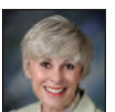
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Michigan is third in flower production nationwide

■ Behind only California and Florida; products are in local garden centers, grocery stores

By Tim Jagielo

If you bought potted flowers, annuals or perennials from a local garden center, you’re most likely buying a Michigan-grown product.

According to Michigan State University (MSU), Michigan is third in the nation for greenhouse floriculture production, the cultivation of flowers. Michigan does this on a very large scale — 46.3 million square feet of green house cover, according to the Michigan Greenhouse Growers Council (MGGC).

In 2018, Michigan growers produced \$466 million worth of flowers, following California and Florida in production, said Roberto Lopez, MSU professor and controlled environment and floriculture extension specialist.

Michigan makes sense logistically, as these greenhouses serve the Midwest and Eastern U.S. These are live, flowering plants that end up in garden centers, versus cut flowers you’ll see in flower



Michigan is behind only Florida and California in greenhouse floriculture production. Courtesy photo

shops. Think Easter lilies, six packs of annuals or hanging baskets. These facilities are throughout the state, but largely concentrated in the Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids area, Lopez said.

Production facilities make up 50 percent of the MGGC or approximately 62 businesses. Administrative Assistant Cindy Ray said there’s about 10 percent

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Mark my words

By Mark Rummel

Yes, we worked for Disney

It is an ultimate dream for many creative people, but it happened to wife Sally and me in a simple way — we worked for the world's best-known entertainment business, The Walt Disney Company.

Sally and I began operating several weekly newspapers and shopping guides in my hometown region of Michigan's Thumb Area even before we were married in 1978. But, small-town publishing offered little profit then and is even harder today. So by 1992, we and my brother Jim decided to sell our company to a larger publisher.

In 1994, we sold our papers to The Oakland Press in Pontiac, owned by Capital Cities/ABC, operators of the ABC-TV Network. We didn't make a huge profit, but at least the burden of paying all our bills was behind us. Plus, Sally and I stayed as employees, which was perfect for us.

Because of scale and large-business economies, CapCities/ABC made more money from our papers in one year than we had made in five years, but that's another story. We had fewer headaches.

Then an interesting thing happened — The Walt Disney Company bought CapCities/ABC in 1995. Overnight, we became Disney employees, living in a town of 1,300 people in Michigan's Thumb.

Disney CEO Michael Eisner sent all our staff a "Welcome to Team Disney" greeting with four one-day passes to any Disney Park in the world. In the next two years, Sally and I received 32 passes in



Mark Rummel

all, and off our family went to Disney World for a magical Florida vacation.

But Disney really didn't want to own newspapers. They wanted the ABC-TV Network. So in 1999, Disney sold off all its newspapers, but kept ABC. Sally and I had already left for our new future in Fenton, so the change didn't matter much to us.

Still, being a member of "Team Disney" and working for the House of Mouse is a highlight of my job career...

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PRESIDENT TRUMP HAS given us historic highs for NASDAQ and DOW JONES averages, historic lows for unemployment, increased incomes and wages, better GDP, lower taxes, and increased support for military and VA. Obama, the most anti-business president in U.S., history failed in each of these categories along with Obamacare.

NICE MANIPULATION OF numbers; too bad you're wrong. Economic expansion is not linear. One-hundred percent increase of a dollar is another dollar while 10-percent increase of \$1,000 is a hundred bucks. Obama's economic success represents the former and Trump the latter.

THE KEY TO understanding the Democrats is to listen how they describe their opponents. Accusations of racism, sexism, fascism, elitism, abuse of power and hatred accurately depict the author's own views. When a Dem calls someone a racist, know that you are listening to the racist.

THIS IS A special time, no Illinois governors are in jail.

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

What are your thoughts on the presidential primaries next month?

| street talk



"I'm still undecided. I try not to listen to the media too much but it's always there. I'm really concerned about our country."

Karen McKeachie
Linden



"I'm not fond of virtually any of the ones who are running. They have a lot of growing up to do. They have to handle the government issues truly and for the people."

Don Allwelt
Linden



"I have been paying some attention to it. I just don't like when they call each other names and act childish. I wish they would be more professional."

Barbara Rodemsky
Fenton Township



"I don't really have a thought. I'm for Trump 100 percent. I have a hard time watching that stuff because I'm so Republican."

Barbara Ryan
Holly



"I think the Democrats don't have anyone good to choose from. I'm not a Democrat any way."

Lynn Hendrickson
Fenton Township

Fenton Township introduces ordinances on criminal offenses

■ Officials updating ordinances for lying to officers, theft, fraud and more

By Hannah Ball

Fenton Twp. — On Monday, Feb. 17, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees introduced two ordinances relating to criminal offenses including larceny, theft by fraud and more.

The township is considering these ordinances because many of these offenses currently fall under the “disorderly persons” ordinance, which isn’t reflective of the actual offense, said township attorney Jack Belzer.

“In large measure, it’s just regurgitation of state law. It’s not anything real different from state law,” he said. “It gives a little more definition to the officers for what they’re doing out there. It’s an update to procedures and methods of doing things.”

The first ordinance prohibits the following: larceny, theft of property,

fraudulent activity, stealing valuables from any device or box, breaking and/or breaking and entering any structure or receiving stolen goods, embezzlement, mortgage/lease fraud, bank fraud, forgery, hotel and restaurant fraud, and theft by conversion.

A violation of this ordinance would be a criminal offense punishable by imprisonment of not more than 93 days and a fine of up to \$500, together with the cost of prosecution, according to the ordinance.

The second ordinance prohibits individuals from resisting arrest and obstructing justice, and sets penalties for violations. This includes prohibiting “... knowingly and willfully hinder, obstruct or interfere with any firefighter in the performance of the firefighter’s duties, or who shall, while in the vicinity of any fire or emergency scene willfully disobey any reasonable order, rule or regulation of the officer commanding any fire

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POLICE & FIRE REPORT

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FENTON WOMAN SPEEDS, ARRESTED FOR OWI

At 3:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 11, a Fenton police officer conducting radar enforcement on Owen Road observed an eastbound vehicle traveling 67 mph in a 40-mph zone. The officer initiated a traffic stop and made contact with the driver, a 29-year-old Fenton woman. The officer detected the odor of intoxicants and suspected the driver had consumed alcohol. She said she was on her way home from work. She was arrested for OWI and lodged overnight. Police are seeking warrants for previous arrests.

ILLEGAL TO SMOKE POT IN PUBLIC

At 10:30 a.m., on Monday, Feb. 17, Fenton police were dispatched to a fast-food restaurant on Owen Road. Reportedly, occupants in a vehicle at the drive-thru window were smoking marijuana. Upon arrival, police located the vehicle and made contact with the occupants. A passenger in the car, a 19-year-old Flint resident, admitted to smoking and possessing the marijuana. He was cited with a \$100 civil infraction for possession of marijuana and the marijuana was confiscated.

HOLLY WOMAN REPORTS ASSAULT

On Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 10:39 p.m., Holly police officers were dispatched to a business on N. Saginaw Road to speak with a Holly woman who reported being assaulted by her boyfriend. The woman told the officer she wanted to file charges due to a history of violence in the relationship. The officers gathered statements and evidence and are investigating.

TEENS CITED FOR DOING DOUGH- NUTS IN PARKING LOT

On Thursday, Feb. 13, at 7:22 a.m., a Holly police officer observed a vehicle doing doughnuts in a public parking lot on E. Holly Road. While the officer was speaking with the 18-year-old Davisburg man driving the car, a second vehicle began doing doughnuts in the lot in a careless manner. The 18-year-old Holly man and the other driver were issued citations for careless driving and released.

WHAT YOU MISSED IN THE MIDWEEK TIMES

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

The following are stories you may have missed in the **Wednesday, Feb. 19 Midweek Times**. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282 or go to myfenton.com.

National Love Your Pet Day photos

Twenty photos submitted by readers of their beloved pets.



Many more were submitted but the Times could only select a handful to print.

Superintendent pens letter to parents

Expresses concern over students' potentially dangerous social media connections.

Teen seriously injured after SUV hits train

Impact sends vehicle into ice-covered pond in Rose Township.

Byron seeks to be chosen for new HGTV series

Ben and Erin Napier take 'Home Town' on the road to make over a small town.

Genesee County Animal Control closed

Shut down until further notice due to canine parvovirus.

Ice fishing tourney — more sun than fish

Tournament make-up day draws 130; was fun for anglers despite lack of bites for some.

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'Medicare for All' — for dummies

■ A breakdown of what it all means

By Vera Hogan

As it has been for many years, health care has been a hot button issue for presidential candidates. The most recent plan, "Medicare for All" proposed by Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders caucusing as Democrat and supported in part by Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren (Dem) has many voters wondering what is this plan all about. The following is a snapshot of Medicare and how Medicare for All might work.

What is Medicare?

Medicare is a single-payer system, which means the government covers the cost of health insurance through taxes. Medicare provides health insurance and care to those people over the age of 65 and those with certain disabilities or illnesses.

What does single-payer mean?

This is a kind of health care system where the government provides insurance to everyone.

Who is paying for patient care now?

Under our current system, it could be a variety of payers — state Medicaid programs, Medicare, or a private insurance company like Aetna or Cigna or Blue Cross and Blue Shield — each with different rates and different services that they cover. Instead, under the single-payer model, there's just one, single payer — the government.

Sanders' vision

Single-payer is a category of coverage and Medicare for All is a specific proposal, originally written by presidential candidate Sanders. It envisions the creation of a national health insurance program, with coverage provided to everyone, based on the idea that access to health care is a human right. Private health insurance would mostly go away, and there would be no premi-

ums or cost-sharing for patients.

What does public option mean?

The idea of a "public option" was floated back in 2009 when the Affordable Care Act was being debated. The idea is that along with the private health insurance plans that you might have access to through your employer or through the individual insurance exchanges, there would be an option to buy into a government-run insurance program, like Medicare. Private insurance would still exist, but people could choose to get a government insurance plan instead.

Government-run health care; the industry would still be mostly private

Those who oppose the Medicare for All and other health proposals use the term "government-run" as an insult against them. Often, the term "socialized medicine" is used. In the U.K. and some other countries, the government doesn't just pay people's health care bills, it also owns hospitals and employs doctors and other providers — that's a government-run health care system.

The single-payer concept being discussed in this country's presidential campaign would not operate like that — the industry would still be mostly private, but the government would pay the bills. How the government would generate the money to pay those bills is subject to debate.

Most Dems want to achieve universal coverage

The Affordable Care Act made a system for states to expand Medicaid and created the individual health insurance exchanges, both of which significantly cut down on the number of uninsured people, but currently 27 million Americans do not have health insurance, according to npr.org, and the rate of people who lack insurance is rising. Most Democratic presidential candidates would like to achieve universal coverage — the debate is about the best approach to get there.

Who's going to pay for it?

The bottom line is taxes. Here are



Photo: Gage Skidmore

Sanders' and Warren's views on how it should be paid for:

Bernie Sanders (sanders.senate.gov) said, as workers shift into the new system, employers will be required to pay either 75 percent of what they are currently paying for health care costs for each of their employees who enroll

in Medicare for All, or the 7.5-percent payroll tax, whichever is higher.

According to Sanders, in 2016, employers paid an average of \$12,865 in private health insurance premiums for a worker with a family of four who makes \$50,000 a year. Under this option, employers would pay a 7.5-percent payroll tax to help finance Medicare for All — just \$3,750 — a savings of more than \$9,000 a year for that employee.

Elizabeth Warren (npr.org) says paying for "Medicare for All" would require \$20.5 trillion in new federal spending over a decade. That spending includes higher taxes on the wealthy but no new taxes on the middle class.

Middle-class Americans would no longer pay health premiums or copays and would also not pay new taxes to replace those costs. They would, however, pay taxes on whatever additional take-home pay they would receive from her plan.

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McLaren Flint welcomes interventional cardiologist to medical staff

Sreenivas Kamath, MD, a board-certified interventional cardiology and cardiovascular disease specialist, has joined the medical staff at McLaren Flint. Kamath is seeing patients at Cardiology Consultants of East Michigan, 2222 S. Linden Rd, Suite A, Flint. Kamath completed his interventional cardiology fellowship at Methodist DeBarkey Hospital in Galveston, Texas and his cardiovascular medicine fellowship at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He completed his residency at Kettering Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio. He earned his medical degree from Mahatma Gandhi University College of Medicine in Kerala, India. Kamath is accepting new patients and can be reached by calling (810) 733-0790.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■ ■ ■
I RECEIVED MY absentee ballot from Fenton yesterday. I received a second one today. Just so you know, sending in more than one will void both ballots and is illegal.

■ ■ ■
IT'S INSANE, ARTIFICIAL intelligence. We really need to pursue ways of eliminating poverty and utilizing technology to minimize human conflict. This should be the direction for human progress, not some new ways of doing things. We have enough artificial, nonhuman plastic already.

■ ■ ■
WHAT IS WITH all these child porn guys in our area? It seems like there are more than ever. They need help before they destroy another generation.

■ ■ ■
WILL THE PEOPLE who live on Great Oaks Drive please be considerate to neighbors and let their dogs inside after they've been consistently barking for one hour at 4 a.m. or after 10 p.m.?

■ ■ ■
SINNERS ARE UNDERSTAND-ABLE. It's the hypocrites you have to worry about.

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

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FENTON MAN ARRESTED IN HOLLY

On Saturday, Feb. 15, at 2:39 p.m., Holly police officers were dispatched to check on a person parked in a vehicle in a public park. The officers spoke with the man who stated he ran out of gas. The man gave a false name of a person who has warrants out for their arrest to the officers. Upon discovery, the 32-year-old Fenton man then gave his real name, but he also had warrants out for his arrest. In addition, the vehicle had unregistered license plates and a false tab. The driver was arrested and vehicle was impounded.

FEMALE SUSPECT STEALS HOLLY WOMAN'S WALLET

On Monday, Feb. 10, at 4:32 p.m., an 18-year-old Holly woman reported to Holly police that while she was at the McDonald's restaurant on N. Holly Rd. she had set her wallet on the drink counter to fill drinks. She went to a table then realized she left her wallet on the counter. When she returned, the wallet was gone. Officers reviewed security camera footage and were able to determine a second female customer filled drinks, picked up the wallet and left the store. The female suspect was wearing all black clothing and sunglasses. No other information was available at that time. Holly police are investigating.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

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Volunteer registration now open for The Ally Challenge presented by McLaren

Volunteer registration for the third playing of The Ally Challenge presented by McLaren is now open to the public theallychallenge.com/volunteers. The 2020 Ally Challenge is July 27 – Aug. 2 at historic Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club. Volunteers have a variety of different areas available to choose from during registration. These areas represent the many tasks required to conduct a PGA TOUR Champions Event. A description of each area is available at theallychallenge.com/volunteers. To cover the cost of the volunteer package there is a fee of \$45. These contributions represent an additional way volunteers help maximize the charitable donations the tournament will provide to the community. The Ally Challenge will be one of the premier regular season events on PGA TOUR Champions in 2020, which will give way to the fourth-annual Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs — a season-ending, three-tournament series used to determine the Tour's season-long champion.

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Interruption in electric service for Whisperwood Trail on Tuesday

Consumers Energy crews are scheduled to replace four transformers on Whisperwood Trail in Fenton on Tuesday, Feb. 25, from approximately 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a back-up date of Feb. 27. There will be an interruption in electric service for approximately 20 Consumers Energy customers in that area for the safety of the crews. Terry DeDoes, senior public information director for Consumers Energy, said all affected customers have been sent postcards to let them know about the need for the service interruption.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

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Ivy Rehab for Kids opens in Fenton

Ivy Rehab for Kids is part of the Ivy Rehab Network consisting of 206 clinics dedicated to providing exceptional care and personalized treatment. The office is at 400 Rounds Dr., Fenton and offers speech therapy, occupational therapy, and physical therapy for children of all ages and developmental levels. Staff members will provide your child with a complementary developmental or literacy screening and provide you with recommendations. Regardless of your child's needs, Ivy Rehab is here for you. Call (810) 629-0530 or visit ivyrehab.com/kids.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■ ■ ■
I FIND IT hilarious to be called a 'boomer' by a 'basement dweller.' Good luck getting out of Mom's basement.

■ ■ ■
BEFORE WE WANT any more money spent in education let's try to save our children by putting seatbelts on the school buses.

■ ■ ■
JUST READ THAT the Boy Scouts filed bankruptcy because of all the child abuse allegations. How sad. Those adults know they have a problem and must be held accountable. Stay away from our kids.

■ ■ ■
PRAYERS FOR THAT boy who turned in his dad for having child porn on his computer. Hopefully, some day he will recover from this trauma and know that he did the right thing. He might have saved another young life.

■ ■ ■
WHAT GIVES THE city of Fenton the right to go ahead with the non-motorized bike path after the voters defeated that on the last ballot. We need our city roads fixed? If you can't listen to the residents, then you shouldn't be in office.

■ ■ ■
ALL THE DEMOCRAT candidates have only one mission; to get rid of Trump. Shouldn't they be saying what they're going to do for the country?

■ ■ ■
YOU HIRED A coach that had only three years freshman coaching experience and expected him to turn around an already struggling varsity program? You should not be surprised when this turns into another failure.

■ ■ ■
ISN'T AMERICA GREAT again? When my 401k is finally back to where it was when George Bush tanked the economy 12 years ago.

NEWS BRIEFS

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Frost law weight restrictions

Effective 6 a.m., Monday, Feb. 24, the Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC) will place seasonal weight and speed restrictions on all county roads within Genesee County. These restrictions will remain in effect until further notice. For further information about weight and speed restrictions, go the Truck Operator's map on the GCRC website at gcr.org/maps or contact them at (810) 767-4920.

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LOOKING BACK at this week in HISTORY

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FEB. 23

1980: Speed skater Eric Heiden wins the 10,000-meter race at the Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, New York, setting a world record with his time and winning an unprecedented fifth gold medal at the games.

FEB. 24

1868: The U.S. House of Representatives votes 11 articles of impeachment against President Andrew Johnson, nine of which cite Johnson's removal of Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton, a violation of the Tenure of Office Act. The House vote made President Johnson the first president to be impeached in U.S. history.

FEB. 25

1949: Actor Robert Mitchum is released from a Los Angeles County prison farm after spending the final week of his two-month sentence for marijuana possession there. Mitchum was smoking a joint at a small party in the Laurel Canyon area of Los Angeles when detectives burst in and arrested him.

FEB. 26

1993: At 12:18 p.m., a terrorist bomb explodes in a parking garage of the World Trade Center in New York City, leaving a crater 60 feet wide and causing the collapse of several steel-reinforced concrete floors in the vicinity of the blast. Although the terrorist bomb failed to critically

damage the main structure of the skyscrapers, six people were killed and more than 1,000 were injured.

FEB. 27

1827: A group of masked and costumed students dance through the streets of New Orleans, Louisiana, marking the beginning of the city's famous Mardi Gras celebrations.

FEB. 28

1982: The J. Paul Getty Museum becomes the most richly endowed museum on earth when it receives a \$1.2 billion bequest left to it by the late J. Paul Getty. The American oil billionaire died in 1976, but legal wrangling over his fortune by his children and ex-wives kept his will in probate until 1982.

FEB. 29

1980: When the Beechcraft Bonanza carrying Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper crashed outside Clear Lake, Iowa, in the early morning hours of Feb. 3, 1959, it struck the ground with such force that all three passengers were killed instantly, and the plane's wreckage was strewn across nearly 300 yards of snow-covered cornfields. The death certificate issued by the Cerro Gordo County Coroner noted the clothing Holly was wearing, the presence of a leather suitcase near his body and some personal effects. Notably missing from the list were Holly's signature eyeglasses, the most distinctive visual legacy of a man who influenced the sound and style of rock and roll immeasurably. Those famous glasses were presumed lost forever until the announcement on Feb. 29, 1980, that they had resurfaced in Mason City, Iowa.

Source: history.com



Lake Fenton Community Schools preschool teachers (from left) are Director Chelsea Horton, Talisa Duncan, Jessica Ellison and Jackie Keene. They were recognized by an associate superintendent of the Genesee Intermediate School District Thursday Feb. 13. Photo: Tim Jagielo

Statewide appreciation starts locally

Education consortium recognizes Lake Fenton preschool teachers

By Tim Jagielo

Lake Fenton — On Thursday, Feb. 13, the six Lake Fenton Community Schools (LFCS) preschool teachers (and director) were treated to a surprise visit and a “thank you” from the Greater Flint Education Consortium.

Steve Tunnickliff, associate superintendent for the Genesee Intermediate School District (GISD), thanked teachers Chel-

sea Horton (director), Brianna Hoover, Talisa Duncan, Jessica Ellison, Kristy Kapp and Jackie Keene.

Starting with Lake Fenton, over the next few months, the consortium will be recognizing educators in various districts.

“All teachers need recognition,” LFCS Superintendent Julie Williams said. “Teaching is a tough profession and our teachers at all levels do a terrific job.” She said they chose the preschool program because they have dealt with many changes this year, like having a new director and moving locations.



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Senate Resolution A: Senate Resolution A, Oppose Heartwell's NRC nomination by defeating Mitterling's

To disapprove the appointment by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer of Anna Mitterling to the Michigan Natural Resources Commission. Report-

edly, the real target of this action by the Senate Republican majority is Whitmer's nomination of current NRC member and former Grand Rapids mayor George Heartwell as chair of the commission, which has “exclusive authority to regulate the taking of game and sportfish,” and designating which species may or may not be hunted. Heartwell's nomination is opposed by the National Rifle Association because of his role as a “state membership coordinator of antigun groups” organized by former New York City mayor and current Democratic presidential candidate Michael Bloomberg.

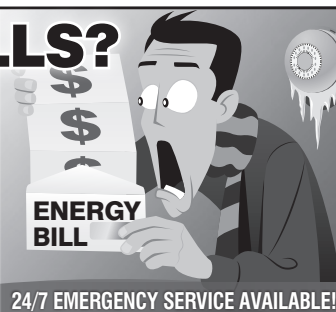
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Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15)	✗YES
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22)	✗YES
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Fenton Township approves resurfacing Petts Road

■ Total cost estimated at \$202,000; township's CDBG funds to cover \$92,000

By Hannah Ball

Fenton Twp. — At the Monday, Feb. 17 meeting, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees voted 5-0 to resurface a portion of Petts Road using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

Trustees Vince Lorraine and Robert Kesler were absent.

Petts Road, from Fenton Road to the county line, qualifies for CDBG funds after requirements were updated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The money must go to projects in areas considered low-moderate income.

“Based on the new map, working with the township engineer and the road commission, resurfacing Petts Road was identified as a suitable project to use that CDBG funding,” said Thomas Broecker, operations manager/deputy clerk.



A portion of Petts Road in Fenton Township will be resurfaced using township CDBG funds. Photo: Tim Jagielo

The total cost would be \$202,000. Fenton Township CDBG funds would cover \$92,000. GCRC would put forth \$92,000 and another \$18,000 for engineering and inspection.

“Using the CDBG funding as the local match, the township can use GCRC allocation funds for most, or possibly all, of the remainder of the project, thereby using very little, if any, General Fund money,” according to meeting minutes.

Fat Tuesday and paczki coming Feb. 25

■ Area bakeries are gearing up for the tasty pre-Lenten treat

By Vera Hogan

Just what are paczki (pronounced poonch-key)?

They are little (sometimes big) Polish jelly doughnuts, a rite of passage in cities with high Polish concentrations. They pack 400-500 calories and 25g of fat. In preparation for Lent, thousands are sold locally in mere hours. However, there is so much more to paczki than sugar, fat, and fun.

“Paczki” is the plural word for the fried desserts served on Fat Tuesday. A “Paczek” (pronounced “pon-check”) is the singular form of the word.

Paczki history

They began as a way to avoid food waste. The pastry has roots in Catholicism. They were created as a way to use up all the available sugar, eggs, butter, lard, and other goodness before Lent, during which folks give up an indulgence for 40 days. Rather than let all that stuff go to waste, they whipped up a large doughnut.

They used to be savory

The paczki beginnings date back to the Middle Ages, when they were filled with pork fat and fried in lard. Given the increased interest in Eastern European dumplings and fat-fried pastries, it's due for a comeback.

They united the classes

During the Middle Ages' pre-Lenten celebrations, the rich dined on roasted game and other delicacies. Peasants let loose with cabbage and jellied pigs' knuckles. Paczki, however, were the common ground between the upper and



VG's Grocery on Silver Parkway was ready for the 2019 Paczki crowd.

Times file photo

lower classes, with rich and poor alike gorging on them.

They're a reason to party

In Polish-heavy Midwestern cities like Detroit, Cleveland, Green Bay, and Chicago, Fat Tuesday is known as Paczki Day. During the holiday, local bakeries sell tens of thousands of fresh pastries in the morning, with people lining up around the block to get them. There are also parades, eating contests, and drinking.

They usually have small amounts of booze in them

Much like the folks who wake up early to bake them fresh, most paczki have a little bit of grain alcohol in them. The spirit helps the pastry avoid absorbing too much fryer grease.

Where you can buy them locally (alphabetical order)

- Alpine Marketplace, Linden on Silver Lake Road
- CRUST - a baking company, downtown Fenton
- Cupcakes and Kisses, downtown Holly
- Fun with Frosting, Fenton in Lake Winds Plaza
- Holly Café, downtown Holly
- Holly Donut Shop, Holly on Saginaw Street
- Panera Bread, Fenton on Owen Road
- The Laundry, downtown Fenton
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BUILDING

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They are on track for occupancy in May 2020.

“Construction is going great. If you are driving through Linden, you can’t miss the beautiful new building on the corner where the original Union Block once was. We are very happy with the look and the progress of the whole project,” she said.

“The winter has not slowed down our construction team one bit. They have kept things heated. They even insulated and heated areas on the exterior of the building while putting up the brick. They have worked around the cold temps wonderfully to keep everything on schedule,” Wax said.

Linden Planning Commission granted final site plan approval in May 2019. The development is a 14,833-square-foot building. It will house two yet-to-be identified tenants on the first floor. The east bottom unit is 2,600 square feet, and the west bottom unit is 3,600 square feet. On the top will be Dr. Wax Orthodontics in the west unit, with another tenant on the east side, which is a little more than 1,000 square feet.



The nearly 15,000-square-foot building was approved in May 2019. Few delays have impacted construction.

Photo: Tim Jagielo

Behind the building are 23 new parking spaces.

“It definitely fits in with downtown,” Wax said. “We have received a lot of positive feedback. Many people who have lived in Linden since before the original Union Block burned have said it’s nice to see the corner re-built.”

Wax said they’ve received many positive comments regarding the historical features, such as the two-tone brick “to emulate a union block as they used to be built and the ‘UNION BLOCK’ engraved brick. We definitely designed it with history and beauty in mind,” she said.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

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MARY LIPE PUBLISHES HER LATEST CHILDREN’S BOOK ‘ALEX’S NEW HOME’

Mary and her daughter, Theresa, had been looking for a puppy to buy. This is the day they found Alex, a Yorkshire puppy, which they purchased. Alex has to leave his real mom, dad, brothers and sisters. It was a very emotional day for everyone. This was their first dog. He was so sad when they brought him home. Mary and Theresa played with him, introduced him to this new kennel and game him extra doggie treats. When evening came, they put him in his kennel for the night. Alex started crying, but Mary and Theresa found a way to solve this problem. This is the premise of a new children’s book, written and published by Mary Lipe of Fenton.



She retired from teaching after 28 years. She says that because her large family was raised on a farm, she knows everyone has a pet story to share. Her book is available on Amazon.

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■ The Times and View Newspaper Group are growing, thriving and here to stay

By Vera Hogan

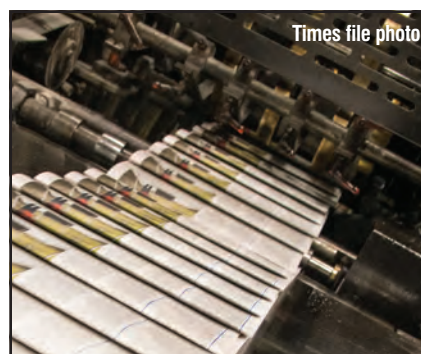
Have you ever asked yourself what life would be like without your hometown newspaper?

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ORDINANCES

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department at such fire or emergency scene," according to the ordinance.

Belzer said this currently isn't covered under any township law.

"Most everybody has ordinances or laws that make it a crime to lie to a police officer," he said.

A violation of this ordinance is a criminal offense punishable by imprisonment of not more than 93 days and a fine of up to \$500, together with the cost of prosecution.

Read the full ordinances in the attached documents.

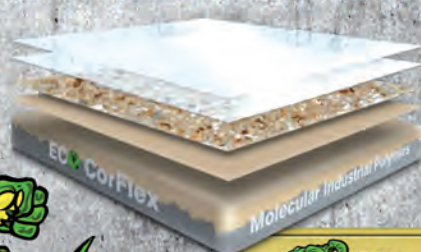
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Larry LaFerriere (left) plays George in "Of Mice and Men" next to Nick Carter, who plays Lennie, in this Fenton Village Players production. Photo: Hannah Ball

'Of Mice and Men' comes to Fenton

■ Fenton Village Players set to perform classic

By Hannah Ball

Fenton — A performance of an American literary classic is coming to Fenton.

The Fenton Village Players is performing "Of Mice and Men," the play adaption of the classic American novel by John Steinbeck published in 1937, from Thursday, Feb. 27 to Sunday, March 8.

Mary Powers is the director. The story is about two ranch workers, Lennie played by Nick Carter and George played by Larry LaFerriere, trying to find work in California during the Great Depression.

Pam Mordue, producer, said they do a play of a classic literary book every year and try to choose one that local high school students are studying. In the past, the Fenton Village Players also have performed "To Kill a Mockingbird" and "Their Eyes Were Watching God."

Mordue said this play runs two hours and has a 15-minute intermission.

"We're hoping we have a good turnout, that people have a good evening out," she said. "The central theme is friendship and doing things for friends. We hope when people leave the theatre, they think, 'wow, I need to be a nicer person and spend more time with my friends.'"

Tickets are \$17 for an adult, \$15 for a student and \$10 for kids. They can

be purchased at fentontheatre.org or at Fenton's Open Book and The UPS Store.

Share Art Genesee awarded a \$27,000 grant to the Fenton Village Players earlier this year.

"They gave us a grant so we can have a reduced rate or the students to come on this play," Mordue said.

About "Of Mice and Men"

"Two drifters, George and his friend Lennie, with delusions of living off the 'fat of the land,' have just arrived at a ranch to work for enough money to buy their own place. Lennie is a man-child, a little boy in the body of a dangerously powerful man.

"It's Lennie's obsessions with things soft and cuddly that have made George cautious about with whom the gentle giant, with his brute strength, associates. They make friends at the ranch, and there is

hope that, this time, it might work out. But Lennie's simpleminded innocence brings their dreams crashing down, and George is faced with a serious, deadly moral choice. This is a classic American tragedy."

Showtimes:

Thursday, Feb. 27: 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 28: 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 29: 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 1: 2 p.m.

Friday, March 6: 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 7: 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 8: 2 p.m.

Citing fairness concerns, board member steps down

■ Village seeks to fill Historic District Commission and ZBA spots

By Tim Jagielo

In 21st century fashion, an online discussion turned argument sparked the conversation that led to a community volunteer's resignation.

Nicole Edwards is married to village councilmember Chris Rankin. Until last week she was a member of the Historic District Commission (HDC) and the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). Both are appointed positions.

This February marked nearly two years on the HDC and one year on the ZBA. In the HDC, she'd put the most work into researching the possible expansion of the district which led her to attending statewide conferences and compiling a body of research including grant work which she presented to the Village Council on Tuesday, Feb. 11.

At this point, her appointments and marriage to Rankin had been brought

up online after she waded into the rezoning discussion of the development of 111 College St. Edwards and Rankin were married in July 2018, six months after her appointment to the HDC, but members of an online discussion forum brought up the nepotism clause of the Village Charter. "Being married and serving my community have become this huge controversial issue. It shouldn't be this difficult," she said.

Before accepting the appointment, Edwards said she had checked with Village Manager Jerry Walker and attorney Mike Gildner, and both cleared her of conflicts of interest or nepotism. "I understand why there's a nepotism clause, I understand why it's important," Edwards said.

But she became aware that another interpretation of the same ordinance, Section 4.2 Nepotism, some 30 years

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Absentee ballots being returned

■ Some clerks see a rise in absentee voters for March 10 presidential primary

By Hannah Ball

The presidential primary election is Tuesday, March 10. Thousands of voters will stand in line to vote, but hundreds have already turned in absentee ballots.

To request an absentee ballot, go to Michigan.gov or call your local municipal offices. Due to the passage of the 2018 statewide ballot proposal 18-3, all eligible and registered voters in Michigan may now request an absent voter ballot without providing a reason.

The last day for an absentee ballot to be mailed is Friday, March 6 at 5 p.m.

Monday, March 9 is the last day for an absentee to be voted at the municipality center or city hall, and Tuesday, March 10 at 8 p.m. is the deadline to turn in absentee ballots.

These numbers are from last week.

City of Fenton

So far, 812 absentee voter applications have been sent out in the city, said Jennifer Kienast, deputy clerk. Approximately 518 applications have been sent out.

Kienast said about 319 absentee ballots have been voted and returned.

"We expect to receive approximately 700 Absent Voter Ballots total by Election Day," she said.

Fenton Township

Thomas Broecker, operations manager/deputy clerk, said the number of ballots changes within the hour.

Fenton Township has issued a total of 1,072 absent voter ballots, including 10 military and overseas civilian ballots. Of that total, 456 have been returned so far, he said.

Absent voter ballots can be issued in person at the township office between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Saturday before the election and on Monday, the day before the election, until 4 p.m.

"Individuals registering to vote on Election Day may also be eligible to vote an absentee ballot under certain circumstances," Broecker said. "Absent voter ballots must be received by the Clerk's office before the close of polls (8 p.m.) on Election Day to be counted."

Argentine Township

Deputy Clerk Jane Lefler said they have sent out 455 absentee ballots so far and get requests every day.

Rose Township

Clerk Debbie Miller said, "As of Feb. 18, we currently have 602 ballots issued and 362 ballots have been returned. The absentee applications have increased. We have had several voters register online as this is very convenient for the voter."

The last day to receive an absentee ballot is Monday, March 9, 2020 at 4 p.m. in the office. The last day to request and mail a ballot is 5 p.m. on Friday, March 6, 2020.

Holly Township

Clerk Karen Winchester said, "We have 682 ballots issued out of 9,373 registered voters. We have 995 permanent absent voters that we send applications to for every election, which is an increase by 66 people that have requested to be added to that list since we sent out applications."

Linden

Clerk Tessa Wightman said Linden has issued 417 absentee ballots as of Friday, Feb. 21.

"If you're already registered at your current address, you can request an absent voter ballot in person at the clerk's office anytime up to 4 p.m. on the day prior to the election. After receiving your absent voter ballot, you have until 8 p.m. on election day to complete the ballot and return it to the clerk's office," she said.

REPUBLICANS

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States. He assumed office on Jan. 20, 2017 and filed to run for re-election on the same day. His re-election campaign has focused on the economy, jobs, immigration, and foreign policy. In his first two years in office, two U.S. Supreme Court justices were confirmed, the United States withdrew from the Iran nuclear deal, and Congress passed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017.

"We will make America strong again. We will make America proud again. We will make America safe again. We will make America Great Again."

(donalddjtrump.com)

Roque De La Fuente, 65

Roque De La Fuente outlined healthcare, immigration, the economy, education, and



Roque De La Fuente

the environment as key policy areas. He said healthcare policy should be focused on lowering costs, maintaining or improving care, and opening access. Prior to this campaign, De La Fuente worked in

the car dealers industry, finance, and real estate. He previously ran for president in 2016 as the Reform Party candidate.

"I'm running to shed light on issues that will otherwise remain unsolved. Caring for the homeless is one of them. I'm also running to show future Latino generations that there are no barriers to what they can achieve."

(rocky101.com)



Bill Weld

Bill Weld, 74

Bill has focused his potential run on criticisms of President Donald Trump's personality and economic policies. Weld served as the Republican

governor of Massachusetts from 1991 to 1997. In 2016, he was the Libertarian vice presidential candidate.

"I will not sit quietly on the sidelines any longer while our President praises despotic leaders, insults democratic allies, unravels arms control agreements and rails against the rule of law."

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE NATIONAL NEWS media figured out they can increase their audience by getting the viewers angry. They took sides. They exaggerate events. They demonize the other side. I blame the propaganda media for polarizing us.

■■■
IT'S PROBABLY JUST an oversight, but I'm sure our non-racist president will eventually free and pardon just as many non-white prisoners as he has white ones.

■■■

FENTON IS THE capital of no turn signal use but far more dangerous are the two-footers. Who are they? The people that have one foot on the accelerator and one foot on the brake. They are willing to pay for premature brake failure. The brake activates brake lights including the high center light.

■■■
SORRY, BUT THE Democrat Party is not for the working person anymore. The candidates promote open borders and providing taxpayer paid benefits to non-citizens, which drives down wages and eats up tax dollars.

FLOWER

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more that aren't members. In 2018, there were approximately 9,000 jobs in the Michigan floriculture industry, she said.

Because Michigan growers service regions for Walmart, The Home Depot and Meijer, it's likely the local stores are stocking Michigan-grown flowers.

Ray said summer annuals and perennials were planted in January. They're growing in Michigan greenhouses to be ready to hit local stores on May 1. Easter flowers like lilies were planted even earlier.

Holiday mainstays like poinsettias will

be planted in early August.

She said Michigan is first in Easter lilies, geraniums, hostas, impatiens and begonia basket production, and second in marigolds.

While much smaller in scale, the impact of Michigan greenhouse-grown produce can be tasted locally.

Revolution Farms of Caledonia is 90 miles away producing greens for Family Fare and VG's stores throughout Michigan.

"I think a lot of people don't realize you can buy locally greenhouse-grown produce in the winter," Lopez said, adding that it's often higher quality because it doesn't have far to travel.

Some Sunset brand produce is Michigan grown via Mastronardi Produce in Coldwater or at Post Gardens in Rockwell. Local stores also can stock Michigan strawberries.

In the last survey of greenhouse square footage, Genesee County had between one and five million square feet of greenhouse space.

► MICHIGAN FLORICULTURE

First in the nation: begonia baskets and flats, Easter lilies, geranium seeds and cuttings, hostas, impatiens and flowering baskets

Second in nation: marigold flats, New Guinea impatiens, pansy/violet baskets, other herbaceous potted perennials

Third in nation: chrysanthemum pots (hardy/garden), geranium pots (cutting) and potted vegetable planters

Source: Michigan Greenhouse Growers Council

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VILLAGE

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prior. The interpretation led to a council member's mother-in-law turning down an appointment to the Planning Commission out of nepotism concerns.

Citing concerns for fairness, Edwards stepped down from both appointments, though she wasn't required to. She explained her position in a Facebook post. She expressed regret about not being able to continue the grant project. Her husband Chris expressed support for her and her decision. She hopes the ordinance can be clarified and that she may serve on village boards again. She said she'll still be active in the community.

DEMOCRATS

Continued from Front Page

president under President Barack Obama (D) from 2009 to 2017

"We're in a battle for the soul of America. It's time to remember who we are. We're Americans: tough, resilient, but always full of hope. It's time to treat each other with dignity. Build a middle class that works for everybody. Fight back against the incredible abuses of power we're seeing. It's time to dig deep and remember that our best days still lie ahead."

(joebiden.com)

Michael Bloomberg, 78

Michael Bloomberg is a former three-term New York City mayor, investment banker, philanthropist, and media executive. He filed for several state Democratic primaries, including Alabama, Arkansas, and Texas, before formally announcing his candidacy Nov. 24, 2019.



Michael Bloomberg

"I've run for office three times and won each time, in no small part because I've never stuck my finger in the wind to decide what I should believe. It's not who I am, nor do I think it's what voters want in a leader. They want someone who levels with them, even when they disagree, and who is capable of offering practical, sensible, and ambitious ideas — and of solving problems and delivering results."

(mikebloomberg.com)

Pete Buttigieg, 38

Pete Buttigieg is the former mayor of South Bend, Indiana. He announced he was running for the Democratic presidential nomination Jan. 23, 2019. On April 14, 2019, he formally kicked off his campaign. Buttigieg has focused his campaign on policy issues that he



Pete Buttigieg

has implemented as mayor, such as connecting with the global economy through investing in advanced industries, data, technology, and

higher education.

"I'm running because the decisions we make in the next three or four years are going to decide how the next 30 or 40 go. And when I get to the current age of the current president in the year 2055, I want to be able to look back on these years and say my generation delivered climate solutions, racial equality and an end to an endless war."

(peteforamerica.com)

Amy Klobuchar, 59

Amy Klobuchar is a Democratic member of the U.S. Senate from Minnesota. She formally declared her candidacy Feb. 10, 2019. She announced several policy priorities, including



Amy Klobuchar

automatic voter registration, reducing the amount of money in politics, and reinstating climate regulations that were eliminated by the Trump administration.

Klobuchar was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 2006.

"We need someone that has people's backs. We also need someone that can win. And I have won in these red districts. I win in the Midwest. I can win in states like Wisconsin and Michigan and Iowa. I also will do my job without fear or favor, just like I did as a prosecutor, and get through the gridlock like I've done as a senator, where I've passed over 100 bills where I've been the lead Democrat."

(amyklobuchar.com)

Bernie Sanders, 78

Bernie Sanders is an independent member of the U.S. Senate from Vermont who caucuses with the Democratic Party. He formally declared his candidacy for president Feb. 19, 2019. Sanders has focused his campaign on economic issues, including Medicare for All, the Green New Deal, a \$15



Bernie Sanders

minimum wage, expanding the estate tax, limiting the size of banks, and tuition-free college. Prior to serving in the U.S. Senate, Sanders was the mayor of

Burlington, Vermont, from 1981 to 1989 and a member of the U.S. House from 1991 to 2007.

"Our campaign is about transforming our country and creating a government based on the principles of economic, social, racial and environmental justice."

(berniesanders.com)

Elizabeth Warren, 70

Elizabeth Warren is a Democratic member of the U.S. Senate from Massachusetts. She launched her exploratory presidential committee Dec. 31, 2018, and formally declared her candidacy Feb. 9, 2019. Warren has focused her campaign on economic issues, including proposing a wealth tax on the wealthiest 75,000 families



Elizabeth Warren

to partially fund universal childcare, student loan debt relief, the Green New Deal, and Medicare for All.

"Every person in America should be able to work

hard, play by the same set of rules, and take care of themselves and the people they love. That's what I'm fighting for, and that's why I'm launching an exploratory committee for president."

(my.elizabethwarren.com)

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LifeStyles

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Running for fun

■ Non-competitive 'fun runs' offer an excuse to get moving this winter

By Tim Jagielo

To get ready for spring fun runs, just start walking now.

This is the advice of Fenton High School cross country coach Sue Larsen. "Many of the fun runs are in the warmer months," she said. "If you have never participated in one, the winter is a great time to start to prepare/train."

She adds that indoor walking equipment might be safer depending on the road conditions, and of course, consult your doctor.

A "fun run" is a road race that is timed, but less competitive than say, The Crim Festival of Races. If you go to runmichigan.com, you can view a calendar of races. There's a Paczki Run in Hamtramck on Saturday, and a Mardi

Gras race on March 7 in Reese, for example.

Runs often support a cause such as the Runway 5K benefitting Wings of Mercy, or the World Vision 6K for access to drinking water in third world countries.

Of course, Larsen is competitive, but she adds that it can be fun to just jump into an organized race without the pressure to compete. Really, there's no pressure to even run if you're unable.

Either way, the benefits are substantial for running or walking in an organized fun race. "First of all, you are getting a great cardiac workout and getting outside in the fresh air," Larsen said. "It is a positive environment that is supportive and motivating. It is also a great place to socialize and meet new people." She said that fun runs also are a great way to work toward fitness goals in a social setting.

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“It is a positive environment that is supportive and motivating. It is also a great place to socialize and meet new people.”

Sue Larsen
Fenton High School
cross country coach



(Top) The World Vision 6K held last May raised funds for clean drinking water in third-world countries. (Right)

The 5K Rave Run in the past, was organized with help from The Freedom Center. Times file photos



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On Aug. 2, 2016, Genesee County voters supported a .641 mill, 10-year tax renewal to provide funds for operations at the community college. This renewal was for 2018-2027 and was expected to generate an estimated \$5.7 million during its first year.

Homeowners whose property has a taxable value of \$100,000, have since 2018 been paying \$64.10 for the Mott operating millage. They will pay an additional \$36 for the Mott capital improvements millage if it passes on March 10, for a total of \$100.10 per year.

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Upcoming runs

Again, check runmichigan.com for races coming up this winter and spring.

Local races tend to begin in the spring. It can be helpful to pick a race a few months away and prepare for it now.

Weekly Wednesday Night Races will likely start June 17 at the Linden County Park at 15349 Linden Rd., Fenton Township.

Registration is at 6 p.m. and the race is at 6:30.

Go to lindenschools.org for updates.

May 30: World Vision Global 6k (run6kflint.run)

June 20: Wings of Mercy Runway 5K (wingsofmercyrunway5k.org)

July 4: Fenton Firecracker Run

Aug 8: Sgt. Patrick O'Rourke 5.5k Run / Walk (payitforward55.com)

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A 'warm' birthday memory

On this day 50 years ago, I was a senior in high school. I remember it like it was yesterday because for reasons I don't recall, we didn't have school that day. Which was cool with me because not only was it my birthday, it was about 70 degrees outside. In the Chicago area, 70 degrees on any February day is almost unheard of.

Anyway, a bunch of friends and I decided to spend our day off at the Forest Preserves. The Forest Preserve

system in the Chicago area is like a Michigan State Park here. It's a series of wooded areas, dotted with lakes and streams. There were picnic areas, fishing spots and many grassy and sandy areas where we could hang out.

It was one of my most memorable birthdays. We had a great time, although none of us went swimming. Even though it was warm that day, the water was still freezing cold. We played volleyball and tossed Frisbees around and just lounged in the grass enjoying the sunshine.

When I got home for dinner that night, we had my favorite meal — my dad's grilled barbecued chicken, a baked potato and my mom's cucumber salad. My mouth is watering just thinking about it.

Speaking of grilling, my parents never ever used a gas grill, nor will I ever

use one. I don't care if I am a multi-million dollar lottery winner, there will always be a charcoal grill on my patio.

After dinner came another annual favorite, the very special birthday cake my mom made for me every year. She called it pineapple upside down cake, but it was nothing like the pineapple upside down cake you find in cookbooks or online today. It must have been her own recipe. The cake was an angel food sponge cake in a Bundt pan. The cake

was covered with a generous amount of Cool Whip mixed with chunks of canned pineapple. The cake was topped with cherries all around and, of course, birthday candles.

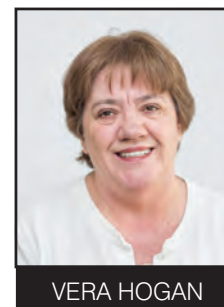
Birthdays when I was younger were not like today. I got one gift from my parents, something I asked for like a favorite vinyl record

album, or a new poster for my bedroom wall. I believe The Monkees were tops on my "groovy" meter that year.

Today birthdays are akin to Christmas when kids are showered with gifts and parties. I'm even guilty of doing that with my own children. I guess you don't miss what you don't know.

All I want for my birthday this year is — you guessed it — another 70-degree day. Just sayin'!

Opinions offered in Just Sayin' are the author's alone and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Tri-County Times or its staff. Email Vera at vhogan@tctimes.com.



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MCC's Debra Gibes to receive Nadinne Cruz Community Engagement Professional Award

Mott Community College's (MCC) Debra Gibes, faculty director of Experiential Learning, is one of three recipients of the 2020 Nadinne Cruz Community Engagement Professional Award given by Campus Compact, recognizing the outstanding work of individuals

and institutions in pursuit of the public purposes of higher education. The award celebrates the ethical leadership and advocacy demonstrated by community engagement professionals who have demonstrated collaboration with communities focused on transformative change, a commitment to justice-oriented work, and an impact on the larger movement to build ethical and effective community engagement locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally. The recipients will be recognized at an Awards Celebration in Seattle, Washington.

THERE'S AN HERB FOR THAT

Compiled By Vera Hogan

There's still snow on the ground, but there is nothing stopping us from starting our indoor herb gardens. The following are the most popular herbs, easily grown inside and used by cooks to make a host of delicious meals.

BASIL



Basil's fresh taste is wonderful with tomatoes, served with slices in a summer salad or added to a sauce for depth of flavor. Basil also works well in cocktails, squash, lamb, fish, eggs, cheese, potatoes, and pasta dishes.

PARSLEY



One of the most popular herbs in cooking, parsley can be used in salads, combined with basil to make pesto, and used in soups, stews and fish dishes. Curly parsley, with its decorative curled leaves, is often used as a garnish to dishes.

THYME



Thyme is a more subtle herb, which, like basil, can work just as well in a cocktail as it does in a soup or mashed potatoes. Also use it in stuffing, beef, pork dishes, eggs, cheese, bean and vegetable soups and fish.

CILANTRO (coriander)



Bright and fresh cilantro is always great to have on hand. You can also add the herb to pesto for a kick, or go all out with salsa recipes and a host of Mexican dishes.

DILL



Dill is a seriously underrated herb. The pickle-esque flavor is a tried-and-true pairing with fish, sour cream and cottage cheese, potatoes, fish, vegetable salads, pickles, tomatoes.

CHIVES



A hardy perennial and especially easy to grow, the entire chive plant is edible. Its flowers can be used as garnishes, and the bulb and leaves also can be eaten. With their light onion flavor, chives can be used in all sorts of dishes, from the classic potato salad, to soups and omelets.

SAGE



Sage is fragrant and woody, especially well-suited for comforting fall dishes. Sage is a delicious complement to stuffing (think Thanksgiving turkey), pork roast, sausage, poultry and hamburgers.

ROSEMARY



Pair rosemary with roast meats such as lamb and chicken, and use it to flavor poultry stuffing, potatoes, cauliflower and fish stuffings.

OREGANO



Oregano is often used for Italian and Greek-style dishes. It also makes an excellent seasoning for egg dishes, meats, poultry, legumes, and breads.

Sources: Naturallivingideas.com; foodandwine.com; countryliving.com; healthline.com; livingonadime.com

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Bronchos post strong offensive game vs. WOLL, 68-42

By David Troppens

Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes (WOLL) wanted to force the Holly varsity boys basketball team to perimeter shots on Tuesday night.

The game plan worked for the Holly Bronchos pretty well.

Holly hit seven first-half three-pointers helping set up a 68-42 non-league victory.

The Bronchos opened the game

with a Danny Mathews three-pointer against WOLL's 1-3-1 zone defense.

That was followed by a Ben Wilson three-pointer, and from there the Bronchos were hot. Holly (8-9) led 22-12 after one quarter and led 37-28 at halftime.

In the second half, the Bronchos' offense remained reasonably hot while the team's defense also stiffened. Holly

outscored WOLL 14-7 in the third quarter, cruising to a 51-35 lead entering the fourth quarter. Holly's de-

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Holly's Daniel Mathews scored 22 points in the Bronchos' win versus Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes.

Photo: Mark Bolen

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Holly, Linden fall in team regional at Goodrich

By David Troppens

Goodrich — It was a team regional wrestling meet that it appeared all four squads had a reasonable chance to earn the crown.

All four teams at the event had their moments at the Goodrich Division 2 team regional, but Croswell-Lexington was a tad better than all three, earning the regional crown.

In the process, Croswell-Lexington defeated both tri-county team district champions — first Linden in the semifinals and then Holly in the championship match — to earn the title.

Linden won six of the 14 bouts but lost a 43-30 verdict to the Pioneers while the Bronchos edged Goodrich 37-33

in the other semifinal contest.

In the title match Holly won four of the first eight bouts, but Croswell-Lexington won the next two matches en route to the 49-21 victory against the Bronchos.

"I'm proud of the fight, but I'm not happy with the result," Holly's first-year varsity wrestling coach Zachary Wood said. "But I love this team. I don't have any bad things to say about anyone on the team."

"Our goal is the same (as when ex-Holly varsity wrestling coach Don Pluta coached), it's the standard. Our goal all year was making it to team states. We have to reassess right now and focus on our individu-

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(Above) Holly's Scott Hermann tries to take down an opponent. (Left) Linden's Brenden Shingleton works on a takedown.

Photo: David Troppens

Fenton's Alec Kussro (left) scored 19 points in the Tigers' 71-58 victory against Davison. Photo: Mark Bolen

Tigers win fourth of five games, beat Davison, 71-58

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity boys basketball team is on a little bit of a hotstreak.

The Tigers won their fourth out of five games, defeating the Davison Cardinals 71-58 Tuesday night at home.

"After the game was over it just seemed we played a better game," Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Chad Logan said. "We just did everything a little better. We handled the ball over, took better shots and just played better."

The teams were tied 15-15 after one

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Eagles capture fifth win of the season, beat Durand

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity girls basketball team has definitely shown growth since February started.

The Eagles won their third game of five contests by defeating Durand 47-34 Monday night.

Under first-year head coach Zack Darling the Eagles opened the season with a 2-10 record. However, since then the squad has steadily improved. The Eagles defeated Brandon 37-33 on Feb. 4 and a week later defeated Clio 35-25. After a respectable 47-36 road loss to Swartz Creek on Feb. 14, the Eagles posted their

Linden's Megan Widner drives to the bucket in a recent Eagles' contest.

Photo: Mark Bolen

most impressive victory (based on scoring differential) of the season on Monday.

"It was kind of a trap game with the strange situation of no school, playing on a Monday and the second game vs. crosstown rival Fenton looming on Friday," Darling said. "We definitely seemed off and felt the oddity of the game, but they didn't let it get the better of them."

Paige Leedle had a strong game, netting a team-high 18 points, three rebounds, two steals and one assist. Alexcis Parker had 11 points, six steals, four rebounds and three assists while Kelsey McLennan had nine



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points
10 rebounds,
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blocks and two assists.
Jordan Peterson chipped in
four points.

LFLF gymnasts capture victories vs. recent opponents

By David Troppens

The LFLF gymnastics team has been busy lately.

The squad has been successful as well.

The LFLF gymnastics team defeated Vassar on Feb. 14 and also beat Tecumseh/Port Huron on Monday.

In the 135.325-124.825 victory against Tecumseh/Port Huron, Apryl Smith led the LFLF team. She posted a 9.325 score on the floor and also posted a team qualifying score in all

four events. Lauren Hayden recorded a 9.15 on the floor and also posted a team score in all four events while Avery Miller posted a qualifying score on the floor and vault.

Emily Allor had a team-qualifying score on the vault, the bars and the beam while Temorwski earned a team-qualifying score on the bars and beam. Grace Cross had a counting score on the floor.

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Blue Devils compete with state-ranked Goodrich, 69-55

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team gave state-ranked Goodrich a pretty good battle Tuesday night.

Lake Fenton trailed the Martians (16-1) just 25-24 at half-time and were still within four points at the end of three quarters, before eventually losing a 69-55 Metro League Stars Division road contest.

"We battled them pretty hard," Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Josh Fox said.

"Things are starting to click for some of our players. Goodrich is a really good team and their two big players made some plays. We were extremely proud of our guys."

The Blue Devils' offense was pretty consistent during the contest.

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Lake Fenton's Francis Senter drives for a layup in a recent game. Photo: Christopher Summers



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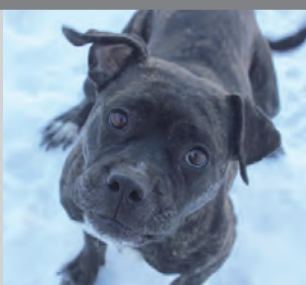


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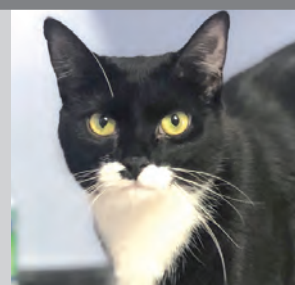
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Fenton swimmers continue hot ways, defeat Holly Bronchos

By David Troppens

Fenton — Jake Kennedy and Anthony Barnett have had a great senior season with the Fenton varsity boys swim team.

During their senior season, the Tigers have won the county meet and have earned a dual victory at Grand Blanc High School for the first time in school history. Indeed it's been a great season already.

"We haven't ever won county, and Grand Blanc has been champion for 19 years so it was nice to them what we have this year," Kennedy said. "Also, Fenton has never gone to and won a meet at Grand Blanc and we won two Tuesdays ago by beating them 114-66, so that was pretty convincing. It's something that is nice to have during our last season."

"I feel really good about this season," Barnett said. "Overall the team has stepped up, especially considering all of the great seniors we lost last year. I'm pretty proud of this season."

The Tigers continued their impres-

sive season with a 141-39 dual meet victory at home against the Holly Bronchos Tuesday night.

The Tigers were fresh off a pretty strong performance at the MISCA meet and dominated on Tuesday, winning all 12 events while also sweeping the top three positions in two of the individual events.

Kaz Sieja and Joel Diccion each had two individual wins. Sieja won the 200 freestyle (1:59.99) and the 100 freestyle (56.40) while Diccion won the 200 individual medley (2:15.04) and the 500 freestyle (5:20.42). Diccion also was a member of two winning relays. He teamed with Jack Fries, Kennedy and Justin Miller to win the 200 medley relay (2:02.69) while Gavin Crews, Jacob Shannahan, Alec Maddock and Diccion won the 400 freestyle relay (3:49.74). Sieja also teamed with Evan Koch, Shanahan and Kennedy to win the 200 freestyle relay (1:43.10).

The other individual event winners for Fenton were: Crews in the 100



(Above) Fenton's Kaz Sieja won the 100 freestyle (56.40) and the 200 freestyle (1:59.99) against the Holly Bronchos Tuesday. The Tigers won the dual meet 141-39. (Left) Fenton's Max Haney won the 100 butterfly (1:00.04). (Bottom) Holly's Zachary Rockafellow took third in the 100 butterfly with a time of 1:11.99. **Photos: David Troppens**



breaststroke (1:11.64), Koch in the 50 freestyle (25.50), Justin Miller in diving (162.05), Max Haney in the 100 butterfly (1:00.04) and Maddock in the 100 backstroke (1:04.22).

Fenton took seven of the nine individual seconds as well. They were earned by Justin Melchor in the 200 freestyle (2:00.51), Crews in the 200 individual medley (2:19.20), Lucas Shampo in diving (137.75), Haney in the 100 breaststroke (1:11.77), Jack Fries in the 100 butterfly (1:07.98), Barnett in the 500 freestyle (5:47.22), and Braden Falvo in the 100 backstroke (1:07.83).

"I like the camaraderie of our team," Kennedy said. "One of the best things about this team is how well we

get along. We all get together outside of school regularly and go out to eat. It's a good team atmosphere. To my knowledge any team in this school or any school has this. We all get along. That's the way to make a team work."

"Our hard work practices help us bond with our teammates and doing fun stuff together," Barnett said.

The Bronchos were without a full squad.

"We came into the season with a bit smaller team than we've had the last few years," Holly varsity swim coach Kurtis Knight said. "We have 12 kids right now and tonight we only had nine. We had three with the flu and that didn't help us at all. There's not much

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The Holly Bronchos defeated Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes 68-42 Tuesday night. Photo: Mark Bolen

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fense held WOLL to just seven more points in the fourth quarter. WOLL made just three field goals in the entire second half.

"We rotated the defensive personnel on the Lakers' sharp-shooting duo ... and were able to hold the Lakers to just one made basket in the third quarter and two in the fourth quarter," Holly varsity boys basketball coach Steven Dehart said.

Dehart rotated Vaughn Peters, Alec Lewis, Ben Wilson, Andre Simmons and Mathews among WOLL's top offen-

sive players. Dylan Hignite also had a strong second half, blocking four shots.

Mathews led Holly's offense with 22 points while Hignite finished with 11 points, with nine of those coming in the second half. Ryan Ortiz hit two second-half treys and finished with 11 points. Wilson had seven points while Peters and Hunter Jackson netted six points each. Hignite led the Bronchos with nine rebounds. The 68 points represents the most points the Bronchos have scored in a game all season long.

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quarter and the Tigers trailed 31-26 at halftime.

"Both teams played well in the first half," Logan said. "They made four threes in the first quarter and we made three. They stretched it out in the second quarter by making nine free throws. But it was a relatively even first half. We had some fouls and they took advantage."

In the second half, the Tigers' offense remained strong, but the team's defense was just as strong. Fenton

won the second half 45-27.

"We were efficient offensively, but we were really dialed in defensively," Logan said. "We made them work for everything. And on offense we made our free throws. Alec Kussro made 8-of-10 free throws and salted the game away the last couple of minutes."

Kussro had a big game, collecting a career-best 19 points. He hit 13-of-16 free throws. Addison McIntosh also continued his recent run of strong performances, netting a team-high 27 points.

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PUBLIC NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS FEBRUARY 17, 2020

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday February 17, 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 \$407,047.30.
4. Conducted the first reading of a proposed criminal offense ordinance pertaining to larceny and similar crimes.
5. Conducted the first reading of a proposed criminal offense ordinance pertaining to obstruction of justice and similar crimes.
6. Approved a local road agreement with the Genesee County Road Commission for the resurfacing of Petts Road.
7. Approved a Cost Proposal from the Genesee County Road Commission for street improvements under the Margaret Drive Improvement Special Assessment District.
8. Accepted the resignation of Craig Middleton from the Fenton Township Fire Department.
9. Recessed the open meeting at 8:19 p.m. for the purpose of convening a closed session to discuss a proposed letter of agreement pertaining to the Fenton Township Employees Union Collective Bargaining Agreement.
10. Reconvened the open meeting at 8:29 p.m.
11. Approved a Letter of Agreement revising the Fenton Township Employees Union Collective Bargaining Agreement.
12. Adjourned at 8:30 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.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

At their meeting of February 17, 2020, the Fenton Township Board introduced the following proposed ordinances:

1. A proposed criminal offense ordinance pertaining to larceny and similar crimes.
2. A proposed criminal offense ordinance pertaining to resisting arrest, obstruction of justice and similar crimes.

Second reading and a vote on adoption for the proposed ordinances will be conducted at the March 2, 2020 Fenton Township Board meeting.

Complete copies of the proposed 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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NOTICE ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP

PLEASE BE NOTIFIED that the Argentine Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Meeting on Monday March 2, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at the Argentine Township Hall, 9048 Silver Lake Rd, to consider the following Variances:

Cale Gillett is asking for a Variance to put Barb wire Fence on top of his 6' fence for the safety of personal belongings at C2 Storage. Described as 01-26-400-004, 5.5 Acres on Silver Lake Road.

TABLED ITEM: Nothing has been turned in
George & Kathy Bertogli are requesting a Variance for a Side Yard Setback. They would like to enclose the existing carport.
Described as 01-29-576-006, Part of Lot 8 Meier & McKane Lake Park.

A complete copy of these tax descriptions may be viewed at the Township office during regular office hours.

Denise Graves, Clerk
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als. But the goals is never going to change. That's something I assured Don Pluta when I got the keys to the kingdom. Our goals will never change."

Holly led the title match 15-12 once Scott Hermann (171) defeated Devin Dominique by a 3-0 decision, and still led 21-18 after Koltan Steele (215) won his match against Codie Zimmerman by pinfall in 3:38. However, the Pioneers won by pinfall at 285 and by decision at 103, taking a 33-21 lead. Holly forfeited three of the final four bouts, as Croswell-Lexington earned the win.

"We just were doing the best we can and wanted to set an example for upcoming generations," Steele said.

Earlier in the match, Nate Young

(140) earned a pinfall win while Jacob Gonzales (160) earned a forfeit victory.

In the semifinal round, Holly trailed 15-0 after three matches, but then the Bronchos won the next seven bouts to take the lead. Young (145) and Tyler Hild (215) earned pinfall wins during the win streak while Gonzales (160) and D. J. Lewis (285) earned forfeit wins. Preston (152), Hermann (171) and Steele (189) won decision wins during the win streak. Andrew Kolman (112) locked up the victory with a 13-4 major decision win.

Metro League champions Linden gave the Pioneers a strong battle. Ray Clark (130), Jimmy Roti (152), Uziah Delgado (171) and Bryce Shingleton (119) earned pinfall wins while Jaylon Berry (145) and Tyler McCabe (103) posted decision wins.

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(Top left) Linden's Tyler McCabe works on trying to pin an opponent. (Left) Holly's Koltan Steele works on trying to turn over an opponent. (Bottom) Holly's Gabe Soja tries to earn a victory against one of his Thursday night foes. Holly and Linden saw their team wrestling seasons end at the regional meet. **Photos: David Troppens**





Holly's Kade Kivari placed third in the 100 breaststroke against the Fenton Tigers. Photo: David Troppens

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you can do with a team that size. We are just focusing on trying to get everybody as fast as they can. For most of us, we are dropping times pretty consistently, so I'm pretty happy."

Dean Krueger led the Bronchos

with two individual seconds. He took second in the 50 freestyle (26.24) and the 100 freestyle (58.12). The Bronchos had four individual thirds. Zachary Rockafellow was third in the 100 butterfly (1:11.99) and the 100 backstroke (1:10.54).

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

► Goodrich 71, Lake Fenton 60:

Goodrich's Maddie Voelker scored a game-high 38 points, leading the Martins to the victory. She also had six rebounds.

Lake Fenton's Aubrey Fray led the Blue Devils with 21 points while Morgan Furey netted 18 points.

Jessica Velazquez netted nine points while Reagan Lauinger had six points for Goodrich.

► **Grand Blanc 45, Holly 21:** Holly was unable to score double-digits in any quarter, resulting in the loss. Emma Tooley led the Bronchos with nine points and six rebounds while Hunter Weeder had four points and six rebounds. Abby Johnston netted four points and grabbed four rebounds.

BOYS BASKETBALL

► Lakeland freshman 49, Linden freshman 48:

Colin Weiss led the

Eagles with 19 points while Bryson Phillips netted 13 points. Tyler Willard had six points.

► Linden JV 69, Fenton JV 58:

Lance Barkholz led the Eagles with 23 points while Brandon Green netted 15 points. Aiden Miller netted 15 points while River Meckstroth scored six points.

Seth Logan led Fenton and all scorers with 31 points while Connor Luck netted eight points.

► **Fenton freshman 53, Linden freshman 51:** Kyle Crow led the Tigers with 23 points while Gavin Henson netted seven points. Ayden Gray chipped in six points.

No leading scorers were reported for the Linden Eagles.

► Lakeland JV 59, Linden JV 39:

Brandon Green led the Eagles with 17 points while Lance Barkholz netted 15 points and River Meckstroth had five points.

TYRONE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Public Accuracy Test for the March 10, 2020 Presidential Primary Election has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall, 8420 Runyan Lake Road, Fenton, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate to electors that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Marcella Husted, Tyrone Township Clerk

2020 BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE ROSE TOWNSHIP 9080 Mason St. Holly, Michigan 48442

MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE

The 2020 Rose Township Board of Review will be held at the Rose Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan on the following dates and times:

March 3, 2020 2:00 pm Organizational Meeting

Appointments will begin on:

Thursday, March 5, 2020 9:00 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Monday, March 9, 2020 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 9:00 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT IN ADVANCE FOR THE BOARD OF REVIEW, PLEASE CONTACT OAKLAND COUNTY EQUALIZATION DIVISION, PRIOR TO February 28, 2020 TOLL FREE, 1-888-350-0900, EXTENSION 80768 OR (248) 858-0768.

APPEARANCES BEFORE THE BOARD OF REVIEW ARE LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES.

PROPERTY OWNERS MAY APPEAL BY MAIL IF RECEIVED BY 4:00 PM WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2020

All agents protesting values on property other than their own MUST have written authorization from each property owner they are representing.

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

Debbie Miller, MMC, CMMC
Rose Township Clerk

**TYRONE TOWNSHIP
2020 BOARD OF REVIEW
PUBLIC NOTICE**

The 2020 Board of Review will be held at the Tyrone Township Hall, located at 8420 Runyan Lake Road, Fenton, MI 48430 on the following dates and times:

- TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020**
- Organizational Meeting 9:00 am
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2020**
- 9:00 am - 12:00 pm., 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2020**
- 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm., 6:00 pm - 9:00pm

Please call (810) 629-8631 for a recommended appointment. Letters of appeal will be accepted and must be received by 9:00 pm. on March 12, 2020. No faxes or emails will be accepted.

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Tentative Factor	1.1442	.9986	.9798	1.0720	1.00000

Final expected ratios are: Tentative Ratio 50%, Tentative Factor 1.00

Bruce Little, Tyrone Township Assessor

**NOTICE
CITY OF FENTON
2020 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW**

The City of Fenton 2020 March Board of Review will meet at Fenton City Hall, 301 S. Leroy St. Fenton, Michigan 48430, at the following times for the purpose of hearing protests to Assessed values and the review of Hardship exemption applications and Disabled Veteran Exemptions.

- Monday March 2nd, 2020 9am-Noon (Appeals)**
- Tuesday March 3rd, 2020 9am-Noon & 2pm-5pm (Appeals)**
- Wednesday March 4th, 2020 1pm-4pm & 6pm-9pm (Appeals)**
- Monday March 16th, 2020 2pm-6pm (Appeals)**
- Tuesday March 17th, 2020 9am-Noon (Appeals)**

Meetings with the Board of Review are held by appointment only. Appointments can be scheduled by contacting the Assessor’s Office at (810)629-2261, or by visiting Fenton City Offices.

Property Owners may appeal in writing to the Board of Review.

Written appeals must be received no later than
9am Tuesday March 17th, 2020.

Tentative Equalization Ratio’s		
CLASSIFICATION	RATIO	MULTIPLIER
COMMERCIAL	46.55	1.0741
INDUSTRIAL	47.78	1.0465
RESIDENTIAL	46.06	1.0855

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
- PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD)
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON,
GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

To the residents and property owners of The Charter Township of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan, and any other interested persons:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of a recommendation made by the Fenton Township Planning Commission, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton will conduct a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Fenton Township Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of revising the PUD conditions for previously rezoned property, parcels 06-02-100-002 and 06-02-100-003, owned by Virik Land Development, LLC, and located at 11191 Torrey Road and 11175 Torrey Road in Section 2 of the Charter Township of Fenton. Said revisions include language that would allow the development of the subject property as a self-storage facility, with outdoor/vehicle storage.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the legal description of the subject property is as follows:

06-02-100-002
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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has tentatively scheduled the first reading of the proposed amendatory ordinance to be conducted concurrently with the public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the proposed amendatory ordinance may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk from the date of this Notice until and including the date of the public hearing hereon and may further be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the public hearing for the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment will be held at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan within the Township commencing at 7:30 p.m. on Monday March 16, 2020.

At such hearing, the board will consider any written comments regarding the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment that might be filed with said board at or prior to the time of said hearing. All interested persons are also invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place and to submit verbal comments concerning any of the foregoing.

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NOTICE of 2020 BOARD OF REVIEW FOR THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOLLY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Review of the Township of
Holly will meet at the Holly Township Hall, 102 Civic Drive, Holly, Michigan
as follows:

Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 1:30 PM - Organizational Meeting to receive
2020 Assessment Roll from Assessor [MCL 211.29(1)]
Appointments will be taken for:

Tuesday, March 3, 2020 from 2:30 PM-4:30 PM and 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

Tuesday, March 9, 2020 from 1:00 PM-4:30 PM and 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

Thursday, March 12, 2020 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM and 1:30 PM-5:00 PM

Friday, March 13, 2020 ONLY OF NECESSARY from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM and
1:00 PM-4:00 PM or signing session only 1:00 PM.

The Board of Review will accept written appeals if received prior to the closing
of the Board of Review.

The 2018 tentative equalization ratio is 50% and the estimated multiplier is
1.0000 for all property classification.

Appointments before the Board of Review may be made for the dates listed
above by calling Oakland County Equalization, toll free, 1-888-350-0900
Extension 85583 or 248-858-5583. Appeals may also be made in writing
and must be received prior to the closing of the Board of Review. All written
appeals should be addressed to:

Oakland County Equalization, Holly Township Assessor
250 Elizabeth Lake Rd., Suite 1000 West
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Please use Parcel Identification Number when referring to your property so
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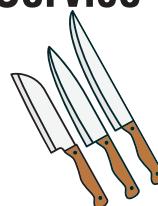
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Lorene Vallaire

Lorene Vallaire - age 86, died February 15, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


James "Jay" Jones

James "Jay" Jones - age 77, died February 15, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Melissa Crechiolo

Melissa Crechiolo - age 55, died February 15, 2020. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Larry Johnson

Larry Johnson - age 82, died February 15, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Joanne Watson

Joanne Watson - age 82, died February 16, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Lynn C. Wilkinson
1954-2020

Lynn C. Wilkinson - age 66, of Holly, died Thursday, February 20, 2020. A memorial service will be held 2 PM Sunday, March 1, 2020 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. Visitation will be from 12 – 2 PM before the service. Mrs. Wilkinson was born in Detroit on January 20, 1954, the daughter of Robert and Nancy (Crowe) Rice. She grew up in Warren. Her passion was taking care of children and she loved traveling, spending time with family and friends especially Janice, Brenda and Marie. She is survived by her husband, Chris Wilkinson; her daughter, Kimberly Smith-Bostick; two grandchildren, Shaun Bostick and Jacklyn Bostick; great-grandson, Randy Johnson; siblings, Robert (Theresa) Rice II, Randall (Luann) Rice, Roberta (Frederick) Rice-Beidler; many nieces and nephews. Mrs. Wilkinson was preceded in death by her son, Randy Bostick; her parents; step-mother, Laverne Rice; brothers, Timothy Rice and Kenneth Friberg. Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or the Michigan Transplant Association. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com


Terry Hovis

Terry Hovis - age 57, died February 17, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Barbara Kay Church
1942-2020

Barbara Kay Church - age 77, of Linden passed away peacefully with her family while on vacation at sea. Barbara was born September 14, 1942 in Mooresville, NC the daughter of James E. Mills and Mabel P. (Payne) Mills. She graduated from Flint Beecher High School in 1960. She raised two boys and then married her second husband and love of her life, Richard "Dick" Church on November 29, 1980 and merged their big family of eight in the Fenton and Linden area. She worked for General Motors from 1975 until 1997 when she retired. Barb and Dick spent 22 years enjoying traveling, golf, their children and grandchildren on Squaw Lake and in Myrtle Beach, SC. Barb was very active in her sorority (Sigma Phi Gamma), the Fenton Moose Club and various golf leagues in Michigan and Florida. She was a lover of "Taco Tuesday" at the Fireplace, the lake, boating and travel. Her favorite times were sitting on the deck during happy hour with friends and family. Barb was a very kind and generous soul with a contagious laugh and big smile. She always welcomed new friends and family and they all enjoyed her "Barbisms"... "Eat your beets, they will make you pretty!" She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Church; parents, Mabel and James Mills; sister, Sherry LaVigne and grandson, Jacob Jarman. She is survived by her children, Bryan (Kathleen) Jarman of Greenwood Village, CO; Brent Jarman of Columbia, TN; Scott (Anne) Church of Port Deposit, MD; Richard (Lynne) Church of Traverse City; Krista (Steve) Ragotzy of Kalamazoo; ten grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and cousins. The family welcomes friends to visitation on Thursday, February 27, 2020 from 2 - 7 PM and funeral service at 10 AM Friday, February 28, 2020 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Michael Raymond Frutchey
1967-2020

Michael Raymond Frutchey - age 52, of Fenton, died Thursday, February 13, 2020. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 1 PM Saturday, February 29, 2020 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. Fr. Robert Copeland celebrant. Visitation will be held at the church Saturday from 12 PM until the time of the Mass. Those desiring may make contributions to the International Myeloma Foundation. Michael was born October 17, 1967 in Flint, the son of Frank and Diane (Gasiewicz) Frutchey. He was a 1985 graduate of the Michigan School of the Deaf. He was a model when he was younger. He owned and operated MF Roofing. He had resided in the Fenton area most of his life. Michael enjoyed riding motorcycles, fast cars, and living life on the edge. Mike was full of life, and loved to make people laugh, even though he was deaf, he loved the beat of the music, and loved to dance... he loved living life to the fullest, and in the moment. Surviving are daughter, Payton Frutchey of Fenton; mother, Diane (Gary) Beaty of East Tawas; sister, Amy (Michael) Storms of New Orleans, LA; brother, Mark (Carrie) Frutchey of Grand Blanc; step-sister, Tera Beaty of Seattle, WA; step-brother, Todd (Tobi) Beaty of Davison; former wife, Trina Whisman of Fenton; nephews, Nicholas Storms, Dylan Storms, and Tyler Beaty; niece, Tiffany Frutchey; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, Frank Frutchey; grandparents, Raymond and Helen Gasiewicz and Rex and Birdie Frutchey. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Linda Alexander-Webb

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A SIMPLE WEDDING
Iranian-American Nousha has a habit of sabotaging her relationships, frustrating her parents — she's their only hope for a real Persian wedding. Then she meets Alex, a bisexual

artist, activist and DJ living in an old warehouse. Nousha falls fast, but when her parents discover that she and Alex are living together before marriage, chaos unfolds, leading to a wedding that's anything but simple.

NR, 1 hr. 28 min. Comedy, Romance

Audience score from rottentomatoes.com was not available at press time.



VFW
A typical night for a group of war veterans at the local VFW turns into an all-out battle for survival when a teenage girl runs into the bar with a bag of stolen drugs. Suddenly under attack from a gang of punk mutants looking to get back what's theirs — at any cost — the vets use every weapon they can put together to protect the girl, and their VFW, in the biggest fight of their lives.

NR, 1 hr. 32 min. Action & Adventure, Science Fiction & Fantasy

Audience score from rottentomatoes.com was not available at press time.



STANDING UP, FALLING DOWN
After four years of chasing his stand-up comedy dream in Los Angeles, 34-year old Scott Rollins (Ben Schwartz) has crashed and burned. Hard. Left with little money and a

fledgling at best "career," Scott has no choice but to regroup, lick his wounds, and return home to his parent's house in Long Island. While trying to figure out what to do next, Scott pines after his ex, Becky Brookes (Eloise Mumford), a successful photographer who has since married a former mutual friend. On a night out at the bar, Scott strikes up an unlikely friendship with an eccentric dermatologist, Marty (Billy Crystal), who has regrets of his own. Marty and Scott both help each other find the courage to face the failures in their lives. **NR, 1 hr. 31 min. Comedy**

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Guess Who?

I am an actress born in California on, February 25, 1976. I have, famous parents in the entertainment, industry, but originally I wanted to be, a lawyer and attended Harvard, University. I have been in several, films and a TV show about office life.

Answer: Rashida Jones

Pros and cons to pet doors

Pets quickly take up residence in their owners’ homes and hearts. Many pet parents treat their pets as full-fledged members of the family, with the same privileges and attention they devote to other family members.

A 2016 Harris Poll found 95 percent of Americans consider their pets to be part of the family, and there is not much they won’t do for their companion animals. One area where pet owners may focus their attention is giving their pets more freedom to explore the outdoors. This can be achieved with the installation of a pet door. With busy schedules taking many pet parents away from home, pets may spend many hours home alone. An outdoor retreat could be just what the veterinarian ordered for pets who need more fresh air. Before pet owners install doors for their four-legged friends, it may behoove them to consider the advantages and disadvantages to doing so.

PROS

Pet doors can be very convenient for pet owners and pets. Unencumbered bathroom breaks is one of the prime reasons to get a pet door. Not having to wake up early in the morning or rush home from work to let out a pup can give pet owners more freedom. Cat owners may choose to have their cats soil outdoors, removing the hassle and odor of indoor litter boxes.

A pet door provides a way for pets to regulate when they need to go and not be at the mercy of their human companions. This is handy when training a puppy who cannot hold his bladder for more than a few hours.



Avoiding indoor accidents can be a great reason to install a pet door.

Pets need exercise and stimulation to alleviate boredom and avoid destructive behaviors. Access to the outdoors promotes physical activity and mental stimulation. Cats may chase bugs or small animals. Dogs may run around the yard and play with a ball or stick. Easy access to outdoor play can take some of the burden off of busy pet owners.

CONS

As convenient as pet doors can be, they may disconnect pet owners from their pets. People may feel they don’t need to spend the time in the yard or walking the animal, and that can adversely affect the bonds between pet owner and pet.

Another potential disadvantage concerns alpha-driven pets. Giving pets control over their comings and goings may reinforce ego and potentially cause the animal to be less responsive to his owner’s commands.

Safety is another concern. Although there are smart doors that can only open when triggered by a chip on the pet’s collar, one never knows what pets may bring indoors. Cats may present dead rodents and dogs may dirty the house with muddy paws.

Weather is another concern. In colder climates, pet doors may be another source of drafts, contributing to inefficient heating and cooling situations.

Dogs or cats who are prone to roaming could get into trouble if left to their own devices outside.

Pet owners should consider a host of factors before installing pet doors in their homes.

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Puzzle Answers

Midweek Sudoku, Crossword Puzzle and Jumbles are located in the last Midweek’s issue. All other puzzles are located throughout this edition of the Tri-County Times.

MIDWEEK SUDOKU ANSWERS

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MIDWEEK JUMBLE ANSWERS:

ADAPT, TIPSU, MOSTLY, URCHIN

Answer: To sell his new electronic ignition systems, Charles F. Kettering created a — **START-UP COMPANY**

WEEKEND SUDOKU ANSWERS

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WEEKEND SCRAMBLE ANSWERS:

INGROWN, SAVAGE, FLATTER, GROVEL

Answer: **LEFTOVERS**

MIDWEEK CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Solution Time: 27 min.

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Read then Recycle

WEEKEND CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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Weekend Sudoku

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Answers in this edition of the Tri-County Times Level: Beginner

Weekend Crossword

PUZZLE CLUE: DOING PR WORK

1 Maize	49 Poetic foot	91 PR concern	temporarily	by	Parseghian
5 1980s TV's "Kate & —"	50 Pertaining to the sun	94 Farmer's motto?	DOWN	43 TV network north of the USA	82 Bygone AT&T rival
10 Bank acct. underwriter	51 Still wrapped	97 Risen from sleep	1 Squid dish	44 Ty-D- — (bathroom brand)	83 Slump
14 Resort isle near Naples	52 In spite of the fact that,	100 Seemingly endless time	2 Expanse	45 Slo- — (fuse type)	86 Home of Monte Carlo
19 Cock- — (mixed dog breed)	55 King Arthur's home	101 Park oneself	3 Sports squad that rarely has home games	46 Riga native	88 Vehicle ownership certificate
20 Pencil end	58 Commercial in which all	102 Dwelling: Abbr.	4 Vivarin rival	47 Brawl	89 Get drunk
21 Prehistoric beast, briefly	of one's fury is unleashed?	103 Tirades about the trials of being a mother?	5 Fourth mo.	48 Athena's bird	90 Trapped
22 ALF or ET	62 Fido's sound	109 Not switched off	6 Belt holder	51 Sam once in the Senate	91 34th prez
23 Pool hall champion?	65 Faced	110 Not switched off	7 Longtime con	52 Trees yielding wood for ships	92 Corporate marriages
26 Flower calyx part	66 Phileas Fogg creator Jules	111 Ace	8 Split evenly	53 Mythical hell	93 Avonlea girl
27 Off — (sporadically)	68 Like a slob's bed	112 Art style	9 Lucy's TV pal	54 Dramatist Clifford	94 Hide — hair
28 Small flycatcher	69 Blowtorch the exterior of your launch	113 Sofa	10 32nd pres.	56 Collect	95 It's nothing
29 Christmas songs	74 Wind section player	115 Spanish for "queen"	11 Actress Wiest	57 Conductor Zubin —	96 Comical Cheri
31 Omega preceder	75 Quaint oath	116 Wax theatrical	12 Disguised, for short	58 Cake icer	97 Current unit
32 Passover crackers	76 Just a — (somewhat)	118 Actor Moranis	13 Alternatives to Pepsis	59 Countryish	98 Pre-race stretch, say
34 Place where pizza dough is flattened?	77 Hissing snake sound	119 Playing a garbage sweeper?	14 Tapioca- yielding tree	60 Cell terminal	99 "King Ralph" actor Peter
37 "We — not amused"	78 Ice-skating food fish?	120 12-inch stick	15 Hoppy drink Broadway musical	61 Yukon maker	100 Ocular cleansing receptacle
38 Ripken of the diamond	79 Hiss	121 Small toiletry case	16 1972-77	62 Cut short	104 One way to mark debits
40 Angriness	80 Mexican menu items	122 Pay the penalty	17 Explanation	63 Harp on gloatingly	105 Uninspired
41 Actress De Carlo	84 Blast maker	123 First-aid plant	18 Queued up	64 Anterior	106 Like skim milk
42 Get the shoe mender on the phone?	85 "Mammal" has three	124 Fencing blades	24 Tennyson's "— Arden"	65 Cut short	107 Mozart's "Così fan —"
	86 "Thank you, Henri"	125 Part of NYPD: Abbr.	25 More elusive	70 Suffix with neat or peace	108 "Danke —"
		126 Tightly wound	30 Astron. distance	71 "— tell ya!"	109 Prenatal
			33 Little pouch	72 Problems for vain types	114 Egg layers
			35 Like the vbs. "eat" and "lie"	73 Tide targets	117 Golf gadget
			36 Tiny dog	79 Shin's place	119 Model- making set
					120 "Annabel —"

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