Garage sale proceeds go to scholarships

Three-day garage sale is ongoing; organizer takes precautions during pandemic

By Hannah Ball

From Thursday, July 9 until Saturday, July 11, the public would have the chance to help graduating seniors by going to a garage sale.

Julie Gilbert of Fenton asked that people drop off donations to be sold and all proceeds will go to the Fenton High School Scholarship Night to help students pay for college.

Garage sale season is upon us in these summer months. Signs for sales can be seen on neighborhood street corners, and the Classified section of the Tri-County Times has numerous notices for garage sales.

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At the Silver Landings garage sale, there were books, toys, clothes, furniture and more. Instead of paying for each item, people gave a donation to help Fenton students. Photo: Hannah Ball

This is their fourth annual donation-only sale. Their goal is to raise enough to give away two $1,000 scholarships. If they make more than that, they’ll give three scholarships.

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“I feel like the stores are empty and people aren’t working so what better time is there to do a donation-only garage sale. People can give what they have and get what they need,” she said.

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“I want to be with my family, especially my grandchildren,” she said. “Somebody else needs a chance to run it now. I want to be with my grandchildren.”

Mathis was the first woman supervisor for Fenton Township.

“Am I sad? Yes. I’m very sad I’m doing this, but it’s also my age. I don’t want to go for another four years,” she said. “I wish I was younger.”

Mathis, 78, said the transition will be “rough” for her. There are so many things she’s proud of at the township, and she said that it wasn’t just her that contributed to the work.

“We have a good board, a good office staff, and subcontractors that really know what they’re doing. They’ll be able to help the new people coming in,” she said. “It’s a team. It takes a team to get things done. Every day, there’s something new. It never stops. We did a lot of hard work.”

Trustee Vince Lorraine is running for the supervisor position unopposed, unless a write-in candidate files a declaration of intent by the July 24 deadline.

Treasurer John Tucker, who has worked with Mathis for years on the board, said, “Losing Bonnie to retirement is a little like losing the sun from the sunset. It simply will not be the same without her. Bonnie has always been a huge part of the township. I have never met a more kind or more compassionate human being. I frequently tell anyone asking about Bonnie that her heart is as big as the moon. I may be underestimating that.

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Looking back: Fenton Tigers leave Goodrich with first-ever victory in a Flint Metro League championship football game, 42-21

By David Troppens

Goodrich – A year ago Brady Triola experienced something that the previous seven Fenton varsity football teams didn’t.

The Tigers seven-year run as either outright Metro champs or co-Metro champions ended.

“We were heartbroken last year when we lost it,” Triola said. “All of the seniors on the team last year were heartbroken when we lost it. We all felt bad and we all had to redeem ourselves this year. We had to come out stronger than ever. All offseason we had to put in the work.”

The Tigers put in the work and got their reward Friday against the Goodrich Martians on Goodrich’s home field. Fenton won the first-ever Metro League Championship Game, defeating Goodrich 42-21.

“It’s crazy. Nobody has done it before,” Triola said. “It’s just special for us. Our coaches have been saying all year nobody is going to be the first champion, except for us. Nobody can take that way.”

“It’s different because the joint league they

By David Troppens

Herbstreit makes history, wins Mancour Cup

There may not be a lot of youth sports going on this summer, but that hasn’t kept Fenton’s Brook Herbstreit from making a little golf history.

The Fenton varsity girls golfer and the Metro League’s defending individual champion, became the first-ever female to win the Mancour Cup as a part of the Flint Junior Golf Program.

Herbstreit recently posted a 36-hole score of 146, beating the field by nine strokes at Flint Elks Golf Course, earning the Mancour Cup and a piece of history.

“The Mancour Cup is the only competition where boys and girls compete against one another and winning this means so much to me because I was the first girl to ever,” Herbstreit said. “I know that a lot of good golfers have gone through this program.”

Herbstreit posted a 70 during her first round, recording five birdies during the 18 holes. Her score gave her a five-stroke lead on the field entering the second day.

“My putting and short game was the best it has ever been, and I was hitting the ball solid with all of my clubs,” Herbstreit said.

She only increased her lead during the second day, shooting a 76. That round included two birdies.

Herbstreit added to her accomplishments on Monday, earning the Flint Junior Golf’s Mallon Cup. She shot a

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43. Christmas verse starter 42. "Weigh"
44. Ice cream maker 43. "I Hate"
45. Joseph 44. "Weigh"
46. Kylo of "Star Wars" 45. "I Hate"
47. Breakfast meat 46. "Weigh"
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49. A 48. "Weigh"
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**DOWN**

1. Female seal group, e.g.
2. Amtrak bullet train
3. Get thinner at one end
4. Persian Gulf emirate
5. Ailing
6. Sword type
7. Fun
8. Imitation
9. Classic detergent brand
10. A pro boro TV ad

**SOLUTION TIME:** 21 min.

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#### Weekend Scramble

ANSWERS:

- BROKEN
- AVERSE
- DOCILE
- RECRUIT

Answer: DISLIKE

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Compiled by Vera Hogan

Today is national “Eat your Jell-O Day.” Jell-O was trademarked in New York in 1897, but it’s a classic dessert we all know and love. The best part of it is that it comes in a variety of flavors and can be combined with many ingredients for a simple, delicious treat. Here are a few to get you started. Go ahead, enjoy Jell-O just the way you like it.

**JELL-O SHOTS**

Boil 1 cup of water. Stir in 3-oz. package any flavor Jell-O you like until dissolved. Add 1/2 cup of cold water and 1/2 cup vodka. Stir until mixed. Pour into 2-oz. plastic cups 1/2 to 3/4 full. Refrigerate until set. NOTE: Please slurp responsibly. Jell-O shots can sneak up on ya fast!

**JELL-O IN ALL SHAPES**

This is probably the easiest, most fun, Jell-O treat for people of all ages. Find candy molds in your favorite arts and crafts store. They often come in a variety of shapes including dinosaurs, animals from A-Z, flowers, and much more. Simply follow the Jell-O package directions, pour into molds of your choice and refrigerate as directed. Once set, pop them right out of the mold and into your mouth (or rather onto a plate).

**JELL-O GUMMY WORMS**

You will need 150 flexible straws, 1 pkg. raspberry Jell-O, whipping cream, green food coloring, 3 pkgs. unflavored gelatin and one Mason jar. Follow package directions by boiling water and stir until gelatin is dissolved. Chill in fridge for 20 minutes or until lukewarm. Stretch each of the straws open to extend the flexible parts. Then put the straws into the Mason jar with the flexible side closer to the bottom.

Add the green food coloring to the whipping cream and stir (don’t whip) until combined. Pour the whipping cream mixture into the Jell-O mixture and stir until it’s well combined. Pour the mixture through the top of the straws until it fills the container. The straws will self level so don’t worry about filling each individual straw.

Chill for at least 8 hours. Run each straw under hot water for a few seconds. Pinch the straw from the top down to squeeze out each worm. Store, covered, in the fridge until you are ready to serve.

**JELL-O POOPSICLES**

Acquire about 10 Popsicle molds. Boil 1 cup of water. Stir in 1 package Jell-O mix and 1/4 cup sugar. Once dissolved add 1 cup of cold water. Pour into molds and freeze overnight.

**Sources:** nationaltoday.com; food.com; onelittleproject.com

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Now you’re ready to solve today’s Jumble for Kids.  
Study the picture for a hint. Play around with the  
letters in the circles. You’ll find you can put them in  
order so that they make your funny answer.
1984 Tigers start struggling as they head into All-Star Break

Editor’s note: The baseball season will start soon, but that won’t keep us from looking back at the 1984 Tigers season. This story will take us into the All-Star Break.

The 1984 Detroit Tigers seemingly had the American League East all locked up.

After a 4-3 victory against the Minnesota Twins on the final day of June, the Tigers were 10 games ahead of second-place Toronto and had baseball’s best record at 55-21. At their current pace, the Tigers were projected to win an eye-popping 117 ball games by the time the regular season ended in late September.

The Tigers had baseball’s best offense, pitching staff and probably the best defense. Indeed, life seemed pretty rosie as Detroit began July. However, as the Tigers started play in July, they also started doing something they hadn’t done much of all season long – they started losing games.

The Tigers’ first game in July was the team’s most humbling loss of the season so far, a 9-0 defeat. “There isn’t enough perfume to clean this one up,” Detroit manager Sparky Anderson said about the performance. Detroit had three four-game}

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WHITMER HAS BURNED too many bridges. I no longer listen nor care about her executive orders. I reject Whitmer’s authority.

I HAD COVID-19, twice. It’s like the flu, only not nearly as bad as any flu I’ve had. These types of stories aren’t shared by the media, just the scary ones. If you do get it, you have a 99.95-percent chance of surviving. Life must go on. Stop the fear.

IF YOU WANT the masses to socially distance and stay healthy, scrap the $600 unemployment insurance. People can’t work because of COVID-19, but can travel and party in masses with complete disregard of health concerns.

WHOEVER COINED THE phrase ‘We are having a high call volume’ is as bad as ‘This recording may be used for training purposes.’ Both hogwash and both used to keep companies and personnel off the hook.

WHEN ASKED FOR TIPS TO HOLD A SUCCESSFUL GARAGE SALE

• Check with your municipality for a garage sale permit
• Let people know about your garage sale in the Tri-County Times
• Plan it at the right time
• Plan a neighborhood sale instead
• Organize your garage sale
• Make sure your items look good on display
• Wash and hang your clothes
• Use price tags to mark all items for sale
• Use yard signs to advertise
• Make sure you can make change (and only accept cash)
• Start your sale on time
• Don’t be afraid to negotiate your price

Sources: penny pinchin’ mom, tctimes.com

NOTICE OF REGULAR ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING TO BE HELD ELECTRONICALLY

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON GENESSEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN ON JULY 28, 2020

THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

NEW BUSINESS:

HO10-002 Bruce Bair, 14010 Torrey Road: Requesting approval for a home occupation permit to conduct internet sales, private sales, gunsmithing, and transfer of fireworks at 14010 Torrey Road, parcel #06-22-200-008.

HO10-003 Jessica Davies and Jessica Markus, 2169 Wiggins Road: Requesting approval for a home occupation permit to allow a pet salon business at 2169 Wiggins Road, parcel # 06-02-576-004.

HO10-004 Amy Gatica, 13256 Crane Ridge Drive: Requesting approval for a home occupation permit to allow a home salon business at 13256 Crane Ridge Drive, parcel # 06-14-554-023.

To the residents and property owners of Fenton Township, Genessee County, Michigan, and any other interested parties. Please take notice that a regular meeting of the Fenton Township Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Tuesday July 28, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. by telephone conference call. In accordance with the Michigan Governor’s Executive Order 2020-129, the use of electronic remote access (telephone conference call) will be implemented in response to COVID-19 social distancing requirements and Michigan Governor’s Executive Order 2020-21. The public may participate in the meeting via telephone by calling into the following number:

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Access code: 323110#

Members of the public will only be able to speak during the public comment portion(s) of the meeting and such comment will be limited to three minutes per person. To provide for orderly public participation, when the Chairperson or meeting moderator calls for public comment, a person wishing to speak must state their name and wait to be recognized before speaking. The Chairperson or moderator will recognize all persons wishing to speak during public comment. Prior to the meeting, if members of the public have certain questions or wish to provide input on any business that will be addressed at the meeting, such persons may contact the Zoning Board members through Michael Deem, Zoning Administrator, by email at mdeem@fentontownship.org, or by mail at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430. A copy of the meeting material may be found on the Township website homepage at www.fentontownship.org.

The Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 72 hour advance notice by contacting Robert Krug, Township Clerk, by email, phone, or mail at the below.

Robert E. Krug Fenton Township Clerk
12060 Mantawauka Drive Fenton, MI 48430-8817
Phone: (810) 629-1537 x6
Email: info@fentontownship.org
Obituary 1: Em (Emileen Garchow) Blissett

1933 – 2020

Em (Emileen Garchow) Blissett – age 87, of Traverse City, formerly of Fenton, passed peacefully on Thursday, July 2, 2020 at Bay Ridge Assisted Living Center in Traverse City. Em was born on April 25, 1933. Em truly cherished her family, friends, and independence. Some of her greatest joys were attending family reunions, traveling Traverse City on the BATA bus system, walking the mall with friends, and going to Elk Rapids on Wednesdays, for Evenings on River Street. She will be dearly missed by all that knew her. The family wishes to extend their special thanks to the staff at Munson Home Hospice and Bay Ridge Assisted Living Center, for their compassion and kindness. Em is survived by her daughters, Michele Posey, Linda (Ron) Seitz; and son, Marc (Karyn). Also surviving are her sisters, Katie Putnam, Eileen Hahn; her brother, Bob (Debbie) Garchow; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Frank and son, Frank Jr. Per Em’s wishes, cremation has taken place and no services will be held. In lieu of flowers or donations, Em would have wanted you to keep her, and her family, in your hearts and enjoy a Taco Bell taco in her honor! The family is being cared for by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services. You can view Em’s tribute page at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com.

Obituary 2: Joyce C. Brown-Langdon

1930 – 2020

Joyce C. Brown-Langdon - age 90, of Fenton, left this earth to go to her heavenly home on Tuesday, July 7, 2020. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Thursday, July 16, 2020 at Fenton United Methodist Church, 119 S. Leroy St., Fenton. Pastor Jeff Jaggers will officiate. Burial will follow in Flint Memorial Park. Visitation will be held 3 - 8 PM Wednesday, July 15 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton and from 10 AM until the time of service Thursday at church. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to the Make-A-Wish Foundation or Fenton United Methodist Church Building Fund. Joyce was born June 17, 1930 in Flint, the daughter of Alwin and Clarissa (Arnold) Calkins. At age 15 she left this earth to go to her heavenly home. Joyce was very active in all the organizations that her children were involved in. Joyce had been a member of Fenton United Methodist Church for 56 years. She earned a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from the University of Michigan and taught at Lake Fenton Schools until 1983. Those left to cherish her memory are her children, James R. (Sandy) Brown, DeNeil Bronson, Mark A. Brown, Paul T. Brown; step-children, Gary (Mary) Langdon, David (Ava) Langdon, Ann (Bob) Erhart, Alan (Janice) Langdon and Susan (Mike) Najar; 29 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, James R. Brown; grandson, Andrew; second husband, Bill Langdon and sister, Lila. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Obituary 3: Arletta Minore


Obituary 4: Dale Beardslee


Obituary 5: Barbara Olney


Obituary 6: Dennis Nussle


Obituary 7: Melinda Reeves


Obituary 8: Norma Wheeler


Obituary 9: Dorothy McClanahan


Obituary 10: Elbert “Eddie” Miley III


Obituary 11: Hope Papp


Obituary 12: John Forrester


Obituary 13: Kay Storgoff


Obituary 14: Marian Mulcahy

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Peggy Mills

Robert McGregor

Robert Shepard

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**ADVANCE DIRECTIVES: WHAT ARE THEY?**

Bart Buxton
President/CEO, McLaren Health Management Group

Part two of five-part series

In addition to having a conversation with family and loved ones regarding end-of-life care, it is important to have your wishes documented as part of advance directives. One important component of advance directives is the durable power of attorney for health care, which allows you to establish a patient advocate to speak on your behalf if you are incapacitated. This person does not have to be a family member, and should be someone you trust to carry out your wishes if you cannot verbalize them. **Advance directives are the key to ensuring you get the treatment you want in the event you cannot speak for yourself.**

In addition to establishing advance directives and naming a patient advocate, health professionals recommend including specific instructions regarding the care you would and would not like to receive. This should include instructions in the instance your health status changes or unforeseen situations occur. It is important to speak with your patient advocate in detail regarding your wishes and what you consider a quality life. If there are certain actions you would or would not want to be taken, such as life-sustaining measures, they should be explicitly written in your advance directives. If not, and you were to become incapacitated, it may place unnecessary stress on you, your patient advocate, family and loved ones.

In the case of an emergency, advance directives are especially important. If you were to become ill and hospitalized, it is the hospital’s duty to sustain your life, regardless of the chance of recovery, the ability to pay for services, or the emotional toll on family and loved ones. By having advance directives established, you can ensure your wishes regarding end-of-life care are acknowledged and fulfilled by medical staff. Creating advance directives is simple and helps establish peace of mind for your family and loved ones.

Once your patient advocate has been named, that person is responsible for making decisions regarding care, custody, medical and mental health treatment. This may include employing and discharging medical staff, consent or withdrawal of treatment, or even arranging care at home or in a nursing home. Having your wishes documented will help ensure your patient advocate understands the medical and mental health treatment you wish to receive.

For questions or for more information about advance directives, call (866) 323-5974.
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