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Three inmates graduate from IGNITE In2Work program

■ They graduate with two job offers, plans for future work and schooling

By Hannah Ball

Three more people graduated from the IGNITE program at the Genesee County Jail on Wednesday, April 7.

IGNITE stands for Inmate Growth Naturally and Intentionally Through Education, and it allows inmates to take classes and study for careers while they're serving time.

Sheriff Chris Swanson held the ceremony during his weekly press briefing via Facebook Live, which featured U.S. Rep. Dan Kildee presenting the certificates to the graduates. In total, 18 people have graduated from the program.

Joe Walker, Delante Darrough and Dallas Whiting-Popielski are three members of the 2021 In2Work graduating class. They each took a 240-hour, eight-week food service training program. They passed the federal test on food safety, which allows them to work in any kitchen in the country, with an average



U.S. Rep. Dan Kildee of Flint, along with Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton and Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson, take part in the IGNITE In2Work graduation for three inmates from the Genesee County Jail. **Submitted photo**

score of 93.

The three graduates each have two job offers.

"I get to see it on a front row seat," Swanson said. "As the sheriff, which is the people's guardian, I get to witness transformation, and transformation is great but transcendence is greater. When you three guys transform your life, and transcend into the world and transform others, that's why everyone here believes in you."

Walker served in the Army National Guard for six years. He plans to continue schooling in culinary arts, and he wants to open his own food truck. His goal is to reconnect with his stepdad in Hawaii and his mother in Grand Rapids. His grandmother was in the audience on Wednesday.

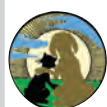
"When you have family that supports you and believes in you, it just triggers so much more momentum," Swanson said. "Mr. Walker, I want you to know

that this office, this sheriff, these leaders behind me and those that are watching are proud of you."

Darrough is seeking full time employment, and he wants to attend Mott Community College to study the culinary arts. He wants to open his own soul food restaurant and become a trained driver. His mom was watching over Zoom.

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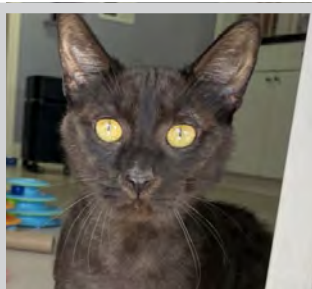


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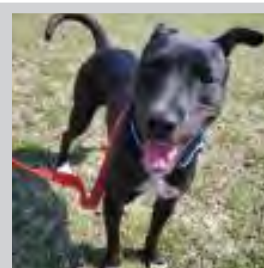
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The third graduate is Dallas Whiting-Popielski, who has an associate's degree in business law and wants to obtain his bachelor's in psychology to study the reasons why people hurt and abuse animals.

"I am a proud graduate of the In-2Work program," Whiting-Popielski said. "When I got into this to begin with, I didn't know how big it was going to be. I definitely didn't know the values that it was going to teach me. I've learned so much. As you've heard from the sheriff, a lot of my support comes, not only from the staff here ... but from people who have been here with me."

The biggest thing he learned was how to have self-value and worth again. His goal is to be a productive member of society.

"I'm now eager for my future. When I first got here, I was very low, very depressed ... I am not only being provided a job, but I'm being provided a whole second chance at life. This means so much to me. If my mom was alive, she'd be really proud," he said.

Gary West, Nutrition Services chef/production manager, from the Genesee County Community Action Resource Department (GCCARD), announced that these three graduates have job offers from GCCARD. The organization is a meals on wheels program that delivers food to vulnerable people in the county. They average approximately 2,800 a day.

Swanson said they also have full-time job offers from Starlite Coney Island in Burton.

Kildee said, "I can't think of a more impressive display of how to use the tools of government to affect the trajectory of lives and people who need a government that understands their needs. This is a tough situation for a lot of folks who come here, who have lots of challenges to overcome. The fact that the sheriff and his team had decided intentionally to see the inherent goodness and potential in every one of these individuals."

Kildee told Swanson that he's going to do "everything in (his) power" to make sure Genesee County has the tools and resources to make sure this program continues.

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Dan Kildee
U.S. Representative

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THANK YOU, PRESIDENT Trump for Operation Warp Speed for the vaccines that Biden is trying to take credit for.

■■■■

MICHIGAN: STRICTEST COVID restrictions, highest COVID cases. It ain't workin', Ms. Whitmer. Time to change it up.

■■■■

WHAT IS THE point of your question on who was here in 1492? Are you suggesting the 'white man' is the savage?

For your information, North, Central and South American native people conquered and suppressed one another along with practicing human sacrifice. Who's the savages? Apparently all human beings and cultures.

■■■■

WORD ON THE street is that our governor won't extend her shutdowns and restrictions because she's now moving into reelection mode. What a joke she is. She should have used the same philosophy as Florida's governor used. Let us decide what we do, when and where.



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1 Napoleon exile locale

5 Lobby gp.

8 — Bill (Old West hero)

13 Soda shop drink

19 Diving bird

20 Glass of public radio

21 Large crowd

22 Muzzle-loading tool

23 “You Light Up My Life” singer’s good friend?

26 Orange-and-black bird

27 Many times o’er

28 Real ladies’ men

29 Close examination of the “Room at the Top” novelist?

31 Some of a “Waltons” furniture?

34 Blast creator

35 Camera variety, for short

36 Mets’ old ballpark

37 Ballgame cry

40 Sugar suffix

42 Help

44 Heap

48 What the penner of “Tristram Shandy” spoke with?

51 Toward the rudder

54 Lures

58 Paris-to-Berlin dir.

59 Aviating guys

60 “You Send Me” crooner’s preferred cruise destinations?

63 Mr. or Dr.

65 Seraglios

66 “— Ben Adhem”

67 A&E part

68 Greedy gullet

71 TV awards

72 “Uncle Tom’s Cabin” writer not at home?

74 Pie serving

76 Coloring stuff

77 Litigious one

78 Gillette’s — II razor

79 Truthful

80 Longtime SeaWorld whale

82 “Two Treatises of Government” philosopher making a choice?

84 Not eternal

87 Me, to Mimi

89 Tranquil

90 Long time

91 Red fruit for an “L.A. Law” actress?

94 Joins closely

96 Smith and Jones film, for short

97 WWW access inits.

98 PC b-board admins

102 Google Play purchases

106 1998 Angelina Jolie film

108 Gmail alternative

110 “Gladiator” Oscar winner’s kin?

114 “House” co-star’s estimate?

118 Get more profound

119 Mil. VIP

120 Queued

121 Doctor’s plan for the author of “Common Sense”?

124 Secondary divinity, in Greek myth

125 Break in, say

126 Pooch checker

127 Teeny bit

128 Firstborn

129 Unpopular plants

130 Quaint ending for 100-Down

131 Black stone

DOWN

1 Bodily joints

2 Spa sponge

3 Infant sock

4 Shaker Lee

5 Loop of lace

6 Smell

7 Obtained

8 Sci-fi zapper

9 Long time

10 Infant bed

11 Smell

12 French legislature

13 Drivers’ places

14 Endangered

15 A little off

16 Declare

17 Makeup of a frozen Arctic cap

18 Early utopia

24 Before, to Kipling

25 Warsaw native

30 Involved with

32 Water spigot

33 Sea plea

38 Salt Lake City team

39 “Taps” hour

41 Devilish

43 Forest home

45 List units

46 Luau favors

47 Mushroom ends?

49 Made a new outline of

50 Miner’s haul

51 Pined

52 Frothy

53 Singer Mel

55 Diamond official at home

56 Fife player’s drum

57 Blizzard stuff

61 Crucial

62 Because of

64 Suffix with absurd

67 See 114-Down

68 The press, TV, etc.

69 Serving perfectly

70 Pie serving

72 Total

73 Brow curves

74 Established the tempo for

75 Pen filler

77 Product rep

79 Mention

80 Haloed Fr. woman

81 Cards dealt

82 Tulip’s kin

83 Foot with fur

84 “2001” studio

85 Not a copy

86 Sent a new invoice to

88 Photo —

92 Baseball’s Matty

93 Top-row PC key

95 Actor Elliott

99 Demands

100 Verse creator

101 Zig or zag

103 Cooing bird

104 Oodles

105 Sentence structure

107 Stop on —

109 Cartoon skunk Pepé

111 Duel swords

112 Notable acts

113 Bug in “A Bug’s Life”

114 With 67-Down, up and no longer sleepy

115 Baseballer Slaughter

116 Not crazy

117 Location

122 Toon

123 “O Sole —”

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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:

VALID, CREPT, SURELY, BICEPS

Answer: One way to avoid heart surgery is to exercise and eat well. Then you can — **BYPASS IT**

WEEKEND SUDOKU ANSWERS

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WEEKEND SCRAMBLE ANSWERS:

FALTER, EAGLE, SEEKER, EXUDE

Answer: **REFLEXES**

MIDWEEK CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Solution Time: 24 min.

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WEEKEND CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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WEEKEND WORD SEARCH ANSWERS

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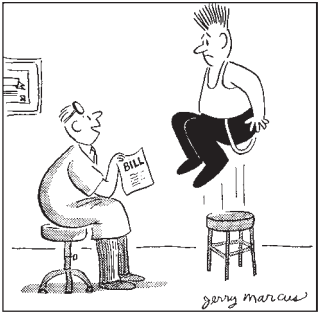
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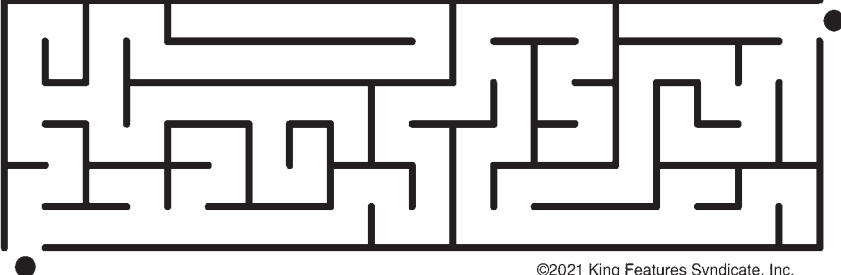
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Answer: The twins bought matching binoculars so they could ---
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John Roger Ecker 1971 - 2021

John Roger Ecker - age 49, of Fenton, died Wednesday, March 31, 2021. Visitation will be held 10 AM - 3 PM Saturday, April 17 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake



person and a jokester. He was a big family man. He loved hard! He was a great husband and father, one of the best. He loved sports and watching Lake Fenton and University of Michigan

Rd., Fenton. A private family service will be held and can be viewed by live stream at 3 PM Saturday, April 17 at John's page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com. In lieu of flowers those desiring may make contributions for a college fund for John and Jossalyn to be established, c/o Kim Ecker. John was born July 20, 1971 in Flint the son of John Roger Ecker and Debra Ann (McFall). He was a 1989 graduate of Lake Fenton High School. John married Kimberly Asbel on September 14, 2002 in Fenton. He was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed kayaking, hunting and fishing. He loved the warm and the sun, but also loved the winter. John was known as a happy

games. He had true Lake Fenton School pride. Surviving are his wife of 18 years, Kim; two children, John Roger Ecker III, Jossalyn Grace Ecker; mother and step-father, Debra Ecker and William Lynch; sister, Amy Ecker (Travis); step-brother, William (Bernadette) Lynch; mother-in-law, Diana Asbel; father-in-law, Russell Asbel; two brothers-in-law, Russell (Marina) Asbel, Lee Asbel; many loved aunts; uncles; nieces; and cousins; best friend brother, David (Katrina) Gibson. He was preceded in death by his father; and Uncle Rick (Tami) McFall. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



FUNERAL ETIQUETTE WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP LATER?

In the days and months to come, the family will continue to need your support. Try to write or call on a regular basis. Continue to include them in your social plans, they will let you know when they are ready to participate. It is also nice to remember the family on special occasions during the first year following the death. Don't worry about bringing up the pain and emotion of the loss, they are well aware of that. By remembering such occasions as wedding anniversaries and birthdays, you are not remembering the death, but reaffirming that a life was lived.

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Amy Fechter

Amy Fechter - age 48, died April 3, 2021. Arrangements provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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MICHIGAN VOTES

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, March 26.

House Bill 4210, Exempt some developers’ “broadband equipment” from personal property tax

To exempt “broadband equipment” owned by certain internet developers claiming to serve “underserved areas” from personal property taxes levied on business tools and equipment. The bill is connected to Senate Bill 46, and the Senate Fiscal Agency is unable to quantify the amount of foregone revenue the tax subsidies they promise would cost the state, in part because the bills would permit developers to claim them in areas where broadband internet may already be available.

Passed 20 to 15 in the Senate

Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14) YES
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15) YES
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22) YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) NO
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) YES

Senate Bill 46, Exempt some developer’s “broadband equipment” from personal property tax: Passed 57 to 49 in the House

To exempt “broadband equipment” used by certain internet providers specified in the bill from personal property taxes levied on business tools and equipment.

Passed 57 to 49 in the House

Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47) YES
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) YES

House Bill 4117, Authorize two-year license plate renewal

To authorize a two-year vehicle registration (license plate tab) renewal.

Passed 106 to 0 in the House

Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47) YES
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) YES

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House Bill 4211, Authorize enhanced sanctions for disarming a law enforcement officer

To authorize an enhanced penalty of 20 years in prison and a \$5,000 fine for taking a law enforcement or corrections officer’s gun by force, which would be added to penalties imposed for the underlying crimes.

Passed 100 to 7 in the House

Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47) YES
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) NO

House Bill 4354, Impose oral chemotherapy insurance mandate

To impose a new coverage mandate that would require insurance companies to include coverage for orally administered chemotherapy in all health insurance policies that provide for cancer chemotherapy treatments, without requiring any dollar limit, deductible or co-pay for these that does not apply to other treatments. Also, to ban charging a copay of more than \$150 per month on these drugs.

Passed 91 to 15 in the House

Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47) YES
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) YES

House Bill 4346, Impose insulin copay insurance mandate

To prohibit health insurance policies from requiring a covered person to pay a co-pay for insulin greater than \$50 per month.

Passed 91 to 16 in the House

Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47) YES
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) YES

House Bill 4355, Permit “telehealth” services

To establish that medical service professionals in another state may provide “telehealth” services to Michigan patients without needing to also get a Michigan license.

Passed 56 to 51 in the House

Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47) YES
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) YES

House Bill 4022, Require state agencies post employee salaries and benefits (without names)

To add employee salary and benefit information to information each state department is required to post on a state website. This would include individual employee position titles, (unionized) civil service status, salary and general benefits information, but no names, emails or other identifying information (which may still be obtained through a specific Freedom of Information Act request).

Passed 79 to 27 in the House

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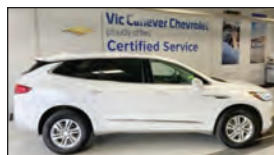
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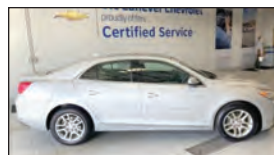
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