Local mom runs first marathon in memory of son

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When Kim Foerster signed up in January to run the St. Jude Nashville Country Music Marathon Series on April 27, she had only one thing in mind: her son, Braylon.

“January and February are really hard months for me,” said Foerster, referring to the birth of her son, Braylon, on Feb. 7, 2006 and his passing on Jan. 2, 2007 of congenital
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Kim and Brett Foerster donned rain ponchos to protect themselves from the elements while Kim ran the St. Jude Nashville Country Music Marathon and he cheered her on from the sidelines.

City opposes entertainment tent, alcohol

Linden Mills Days proposal echoes council’s friction with Summer Happening

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Linden — Three years into its existence, Linden Mills Days is experiencing friction between organizers and city leaders. On Monday, Cyndi Roesner, creator of the Linden Mills Days, presented plans to Linden City Council for the summer festival, which is scheduled for June 20 to 23 in downtown Linden. See OPPOSES on 17

North LeRoy roadwork begins

Orange barrels guide motorists as southbound lanes are torn out

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Fenton — At a snail’s pace, the “hammer” does its work, idling down North LeRoy Street. Progress can be seen over Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC) Site Inspector Mary Graham’s shoulder, as she swipes through her smartphone looking for information.

The ground thumps every other second, vibrating underfoot a few meters away. “What he’s doing is real important,” said Graham, referring to what is essentially a giant rideable jackhammer that works in slow motion. It’s important because as it loosens up the old asphalt, it will make it easier to be removed in chunks later.

Zito Construction Co. is the primary contractor for the joint GCRC, City of Fenton project. See ROADWORK on 13

TYRONE TOWNSHIP SURVEY: What are residents willing to pay for?

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Tyrone Twp. — Negotiations for police services between Tyrone Township and the Livingston County Sheriff’s Department are proceeding with some uncertainty. At the Tyrone Township Board of Trustees meeting last Thursday, officials reviewed a survey to be sent out to residents with the summer tax bill, which will include how the township should proceed with public safety. “The sheriff’s contract is still in limbo. It’s in their court,” said Clerk Keith Kremer. “The other issue is there won’t be any road patrol. If people want road patrol, they’re going to have to pay.” In March, a $300,000 contract between Tyrone and Hartland townships and the Livingston County Sheriff’s Department expired. The townships were paying See SURVEY on 6

Summary

A summer survey will be sent to residents inquiring what services they want and how much they are willing to pay for them.

— Keith Kremer Tyrone Township clerk
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A bicycle built for you

Between two wheels there is an abundance of options from which to choose

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If you are looking for a bicycle to celebrate National Bike Month, some people might find the task a bit confusing. With price ranges from the low hundreds to the thousands, there is a bike out there for everyone — but the trick is finding what’s right for you.

When looking to buy your first or your 10th bike, there are multiple reasons to shop at locally owned merchants that specialize in biking. If you don’t know what you are looking for, you will have several experts on hand to match you with a bike that suits your needs. More importantly, you are more likely to get better quality products.

That’s another problem that the industry has, a lot of the bikes that are bought from the mass merchants are not always assembled properly and can sometimes be very dangerous to ride,” said Matt Coe, Manager of CycleFit Multisport in Fenton.

For anyone looking to get into cycling, but don’t know where to start, sometimes it is easiest just to go right to the source and ask the experts.

“The first thing we do is find out what type of riding they are going to do because that will dictate the type of bike. You have your cruisers, your mountain bikes, fitness bikes, there’s a lot of varieties in bikes,” said Coe. The next decision to make is what material you want the frame to be made out of. Lighter frames will be more expensive, though they can be easier to ride.

Cruiser bicycles have heavy frames and are built for comfortable riding, and have minimal gearing — they are a simpler bike for people who may just be getting into the hobby. Mountain bikes of course are designed for off-road cycling, for enthusiasts who want a bike for more rigorous activities. People come in a variety of different sizes, so it is important to make sure the bike is set up to accommodate your particular stature for the most comfortable ride.

“We try to hit everyone’s budget, because some people don’t have $400 to spend on a bike,” said Coe, who tries to accommodate everyone from the experienced cyclist to the first-time buyer.

Social Security: $821 billion paid in 2013

Social Security Number based on group and geographic location

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According to the Social Security Administration (SSA), one in six Americans receives Social Security benefits. This amounts to $8 million people in the program, or $821 billion in benefits paid in 2013. For a retired person, the average monthly benefit is more than $1,200.

Social Security is derived from the 1935 Social Security Act. It was signed into law by President Franklin Roosevelt. The first cards were issued to existing workers in the U.S. between 1936 and 1937, with the first payments to start in 1942. A man named Ernest Ackerman was the first to receive benefits, as he retired one day after the Social Security program began.

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Think varicose veins are just a cosmetic issue?

Varicose veins are a sign of vein (venous) disease.

Symptoms may include pain, swelling, restlessness, burning, itching, fatigue of the legs as well as skin damage. Learn more about vein disease at www.flintveins.com
Time to update
Census race questions

A notable example of how Americans fall through the cracks in Census data gathering caught my attention while Web surfing. It appeared on the black-oriented website TheRoot.com under this eye-catching headline: ‘I found one drop: Can I be black now?’

The ‘one drop’ is a reference to the old racial rule that one drop of black blood in your veins makes you black.

The answer turned out to be a white woman who had written to The Root’s ‘Race Manners’ advice column. She had uncovered an African-American ancestor who long ago had passed for white. She was wondering which box to check.

‘Do I check both, and come across as a liar to those who don’t know my history?’ she asked. ‘Or do I check just white, and feel like a self-hating racist? I sympathize with the suddenly mixed-race woman’s confusion.

In changing times, government forms are often the last to catch up. On question number 9 in the 2010 form, for example, there are check boxes for ‘White,’ ‘Black, African American or Negro,’ American Indian or Alaska Native,’ as well as 11 other choices.

‘We shouldn’t be governing in the 21st century by a race classification given us by a German doctor in 1776,’ former Census Director Kenneth Prewitt told me in an email exchange.

In a book to be released in June, titled ‘What is Your Race? The Census and Our Flawed Efforts to Classify Americans,’ Prewitt, now a public affairs professor at Columbia University, calls for an overhaul of census race questions for a new era in our increasingly diverse nation.

Prewitt lays out a bold plan for phasing out the current questions about race while phasing in a new set aimed at measuring differences in income, education and upward mobility and social assimilation — key questions in determining how well our fabled American ‘melting pot’ is still working.

Whether Prewitt’s scheme is widely embraced or not, it’s worth talking about. Americans are changing too much for us to squeeze ourselves into the old boxes.
Is Michigan no-fault insurance reform a good thing?

State’s ‘generous’ no-fault benefits could be capped at $1 million

By Tim Jagielo

If you drive a car legally, you have at least Michigan no-fault auto insurance.

Currently, insurance covers the damage caused to another driver in case of a crash no matter who caused the crash. It also provides unlimited medical benefits for injuries related to crashes, and benefits for a family caretaker. It will also pay up to 85 percent of your lost income, up to $5,200 a month, and the same amount for three years to your family should you be killed in a crash.

Currently you are protected, limited to $1 million in property damage in Michigan and can be sued only in some cases, such as causing death or disfigurement. Michigan House Bill (HB) 4612 introduced April 23 proposes several changes, the biggest of which is capping lifetime medical benefits at $1 million.

The main way changes would be felt would be in the monthly bill. Statutorily, the first year would see a reduction in everyone’s no-fault bill by $125.

Pam Barkel, Personal Lines Manager at Hartland Insurance testified before the Michigan House of Representatives Insurance committee two weeks ago and said, “It’s wonderful coverage, but it’s very expensive.”

Barkel spoke of two clients that have reduced their coverage in order to save money. She said Michigan is 16th most expensive state for insurance. The closest highest state medical cap is $50,000, she said. Medical cap aside, Barkel likes that the bill contains a fraudulent claims committee, and agrees with the basic reforms of the bill.

According to a news release from Gov. Rick Snyder, Michigan would still be the “most generous” no-fault state in offering a limit of $1 million in coverage.

“I think the no-fault system in Michigan is good; it prevents lawsuits from torts, but needs reform,” said State Rep. Joe Graves of (R-Argentine Township).

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More adults passing on marriage

▶ Divorce declines slowly in the past decade

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Rev. Bill Donahue doesn’t buy into the old adage that half of marriages end in divorce. The Fenton United Methodist Church pastor said marriage is just as popular as it ever has been, and possibly even more so than it has been in the past.

“A lot of people say the divorce rate is 50 percent. That’s skewed,” Donahue said. “In the course of a year, if you have 100 marriages and you have 50 divorces, those divorces aren’t coming from the same year people were married.”

Donahue may be speaking of his experience locally however, as data from the Michigan Department of Community Health shows that marriages have been on the decline across the state since 2000. Marriages hit a high in 2001 in Genesee County at 3,223. By 2006, marriages dipped to 2,553 and last year there were 2,146 marriages. The divorce rate for Genesee County however has remained somewhat stable between 2000 and 2011. Divorces peaked in 2003 at 1,917; since 2003, there have been at least 1,522 divorces a year.

Marriage counselor Sherry Daniels reiterated what Donahue said about marriage remaining popular. But according to Daniels, who works at Ascend Counseling Services in Fenton, stresses exist today for married couples that didn’t exist a generation ago.

“Most recently, the economic stresses of the last eight years have been huge and very difficult for people,” Daniels said. Another problem Daniels encounters with couples is the Internet and cell phones. While more technology allows couples to stay connected, Daniels said there exists an opportunity to contact more people outside of the marriage.

“One of the problems we didn’t deal with a generation ago is the Internet. We have more access to infidelity,” Daniels said. “It’s a new type of stressor.”

Marriages overall in Michigan have been on the decline. In 2000, there were 66,328 marriages; in 2011, there were 56,159 marriages. Marriages dipped the lowest in 2009 at 53,528 and hit the highest in 2001 at 66,876 marriages. Divorces have been declining across the state as well, however, at a much lower rate than marriages. In 2001, there were 38,912 divorces; by 2011, the number shrank to 33,940, declining by an average of 50 fewer divorces per year in the past decade.

According to a 2010 Pew research study, love is the biggest factor why people get married, beating out companionship, having children and being financially stable.

The same study found that 69 percent of people do not believe they have “one true love.”

And, despite the stable divorce rate, Pew found that 61 percent of unmarried men and women still want to get married. That optimism shrinks after a divorce, as only 29 percent of adults who have had a previous marriage said they would marry again.

When compared to marriage statistics compiled by the U.S. Census Bureau, Michigan overall has fewer marriages than the national average. Data also shows that marriages peaked in the mid 1940s and have been on the decline ever since.

In Donahue’s experience, difficulties in a marriage do not arise overnight and can stem from problems before people are married. The reverend stresses to couples to take in a rough patch to seek counseling from someone they trust.

If a marriage ends in divorce, it doesn’t have to be completely painful.

“There is a myth perception that things become much worse when it comes to marriage,” Donahue said. “In regards to divorce, it’s not a simplistic thing. Even in the midst of divorce, there are ways to heal.”

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the department for one, 24 hour, 7 days a week officer to patrol both towns.

Tom Tinsley.

Township officials began questioning if they were receiving the services they were paying for and if renewing the contract was in the best interest of its citizens.

Through the course of their negotiations with the department, Kremer and Township Supervisor Mike Cunning

hange learned that the sheriff’s department will be reducing its staff in the upcoming years. The officials also learned that the department is not obligated to do road patrol.

“There is no statutory for road patrol. There is a statutory for emergency,” Cunningham said.

Kremer said the number of officers in the Livingston County Sheriff’s Department has dwindled from 36 to 26 this year and could be further reduced to 16 deputies.

Township officials also entertained the notion of hiring a constable or a private company for public safety. Kremer pointed out that starting a department or contracting with a private company could be an expensive endeavor.

“It should be cheaper to pay officers,” Kremer said. “It takes a lot of overhead to start your own department.”

Should Tyrone and Hartland townships renew their contract with sheriff’s department, costs could increase by 40 percent. In an April 19 Times article, Public Safety Committee Chairman Ronald VanHouten said the increases were, “… a normal thing because of police contracts. Police need a raise in the future.”

However township officials proceed with public safety, they are expecting feedback from residents on what services they would pay for and how much. The survey would allow officials to gauge how residents feel about issues in the township.

“It’s asking people what services they use and what would they use again,” Kremer said.
Super foods that ‘supercharge’ your brain

Men and women have different nutrition needs

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If you’re making lists to help you remember all that you have to do in a day, the most important list by far is your grocery list.

That’s because the food you buy at the grocery store will actually help you “supercharge” your brain, if you make the right choices. Even as people age chronologically, we can maintain a healthy brain into “old age” by adding these smart foods to our daily diets.

Not surprisingly, women and men require different foods, because there are clear differences between male and female brains.

In general, women’s brains are more active than men’s brains, according to a study of 46,000 brain scans involving about 26,000 patients. Foods that increase serotonin are critical for women, for help with relaxation and anti-anxiety and depression. Men need higher protein foods, to increase dopamine for better focus and impulse control. Protein also provides fuel for a man’s greater muscle mass.

**BEST ‘SMART’ FOODS FOR WOMEN**

- **Chickpeas (garbanzo beans)** — they increase the production of serotonin, and are high in nutrients and fiber (12 grams of fiber per one-cup serving). Fiber slows the body’s absorption of sugars, prevents sharp spikes in insulin and helps the brain work at optimal levels.
- **Sweet potatoes** — they are a “smart” carbohydrate that causes a gradual increase in serotonin, are high in vitamin C and fiber and don’t raise blood sugar/insulin as quickly as white potatoes.
- **Blueberries** — they’re called “brain berries” because they are such a concentrated source of flavonoids and other antioxidants that reduce brain inflammation. This is important for good mood and memory. Other berries also provide benefits, but blueberries are the best choice for brain function.
- **Dark chocolate** — it’s one of the healthiest foods a person can eat because it increases the levels of nitric oxide, a molecule that dilates arteries throughout the body, including the brain. It can also improve mood and energy. Because it’s high in antioxidants, it reduces “oxidative stress” that can impair memory and other brain functions. About one-half to one ounce provides all the benefits needed.

**BEST ‘SMART’ FOODS FOR MEN**

- **Salmon** — men who eat fatty fish with docosahexaenoic acid (DHA), one of the omega-3 fatty acids found in salmon and other fatty fish, have less brain inflammation that can impair the transmission of nerve signals. Elderly adults who got more DHA had improvements in memory and learning, in a study published in Alzheimer’s & Dementia: The Journal of the Alzheimer’s Association.
- **Eggs** — they are an excellent source of protein and high in vitamin B-12, which can reduce age-related brain shrinkage and improve cognitive function.
- **Sesame seeds and Brazil nuts** — in addition to increasing dopamine, they contain antioxidants that protect brain cells. Like other nuts and seeds, they’re high in protein and monounsaturated fats that reduce LDL “bad” cholesterol. Nuts and seeds are as good for the heart as well as the brain.

When looking for food to “supercharge” your brain, start at the produce aisle. Different nuts, berries and starches offer benefits to men and women.

**Five other ‘super’ foods for your brain:**

1. **Avocados** — they’re almost as good as blueberries in promoting brain health. This monounsaturated fat contributes to healthy blood flow and lowers blood pressure.
2. **Whole grains** — they promote cardiovascular health, promoting good flow to the organ system, including the brain.
3. **Beans** — they stabilize blood sugar levels. The brain is dependent on glucose for fuel and since it can’t store the glucose, it relies on a steady stream of energy, which beans provide.
4. **Pomegranate juice** — this offers potent antioxidant benefits, and can be enjoyed in small amounts, about 2 ounces a day, diluted with spring water or seltzer.
5. **Freshly brewed tea** — two to three cups a day, either iced or hot, contains a modest amount of caffeine, which can boost brain power by enhancing memory, focus and mood. It also has potent antioxidants which promotes healthy blood flow. It has to be freshly brewed, not bottled or powdered.

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Homeland security grant will protect Fenton’s wells

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Fenton — The Department of Homeland Security describes its purpose to defend the nation from its many threats — and now it will be helping to protect Fenton’s well fields.

An approved grant from the DHS will allow the placing of several 8-foot high fences around the well houses with two large gates at each location. The project will cost $11,345 to complete, all of which is covered by the grant.

There is one catch however. According to Fenton Water Plant Superintendent Steve Guy, “The grant program itself ran into some bumps.” The city has been asked to pay the upfront costs, and after which the city will be reimbursed for the project in full. Fenton City Council unanimously agreed to do this.

Guy apologized to the council for the vagueness of the memo sent to the city council. “I don’t think you have to apologize when you ask for a request and then cover it with a grant,” said Councilwoman Pat Lockwood.

Councilman Les Bland, who served as the city’s Department of Public Works (DPW) director in the past, said that he wanted to let the council know this was a project that the department had tried to go through for years.

“If you know where our well house-ware is, they are out in the boodocks, and are vulnerable to vandalism,” he said.

Retroactivity and the crime victim’s rights fee

Last week I wrote a column about how there are times when the courts are called upon to decide the question of whether an amended or new statute or judicial opinion should be given retroactive or prospective effect and discussed a Michigan case that raises this issue which is presently pending before the United States Supreme Court.

As I indicated there are cases and rules on the topic and a recent example is found in the April 25, 2013 Michigan Court of Appeals decision in the consolidated cases of People v Jones and People v Anderson.

In both of these cases, the defendants committed felony offenses before Dec. 16, 2010. That date is significant because that was the effective date that the statute authorizing a crime victims rights assessment against convicted felony defendants went from a $60 assessment to $130.

A crime victim’s rights assessment is assessed at the time of sentence for all criminal convictions. These monies are used to maintain or enhance crime victim’s rights services.

At the time the defendants were sentenced (in addition to other penalties) they were both ordered to pay the $130 fee as opposed to the $60 fee.

They both appealed and claimed that these higher assessments violated the Michigan and Federal Constitutional prohibitions on ex post facto laws, or in plain English, they were being subject to a retroactive law and punishment.

The Court of Appeals held that this was not the case and the imposition of the assessment did not act as punishment for, or the particular crime but rather was a consequence of crime itself.

Two judges voted for this result.

The third judge concurred in the result only, found that this assessment was in fact a punishment, and a previous case, which was being relied on had flawed reasoning.

This and other cases show the question of when a law will be retroactive is indeed a difficult one to answer. As in last week’s column, I will report on any further developments in these two cases.

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Through the decades the Social Security Act was amended to include disability coverage and coverage for spouses.

How is the number determined?
The nine-digit Social Security Number (SSN) is composed of three parts, the area number, the group number and the serial number. The system of coding the number was designed in 1936 to assist the Baltimore, Md.-based records office in keeping track of the applicants, and assigning individuals a card.
The first three digits, the area number, is assigned by geographic region. It is based on the zip code from the original application for the Social Security card, and generally, the numbers begin in the northeast and heads west. The lowest area numbers will appear in the east, and the highest in the west.
The next set of two digits, the group number, is also created for administrative reasons. Group numbers range from 09 to 99, but were done in groups of odd numbers in a range, followed by even numbers.
The last four digits is the serial number. In each group, the serial numbers run consecutively from 0001 through 9999.

Protecting your SSN
“Social Security Number is a pathway to anything,” said Holly Interim Police Chief, Sgt. Michael Story. “If you’ve got someone’s Social Security Number, it’s so easy to steal their identity, to open checking accounts, credit card accounts.”
In Holly, the police department gets periodic complaints for identity theft, but not necessarily related to the SSN.

Story said income tax being stolen is a big problem in some areas, nationwide. A false tax return is filed, and the fraudulent party will seek to claim that income tax return. He doesn’t necessarily suggest carrying your Social Security card with you, he recommends keeping the number secret, and safe.

Another perspective on protecting your SSN is this: there are algorithms that can predict one’s Social Security Number based on time and place of birth, so don’t worry too much about shredding documents and destroying old passports.

This is a according to a 2009 Wall Street Journal article, which argues that social media provides all the necessary background information to figure your number out. “Their efforts to shield themselves from identity theft by guarding their Social Security Numbers are being undermined by government officials and social networking sites,” reported the article by Aleksandra Tovova.

Your SSN is a matter of public record — though it is protected, and not available to anyone who wants to see it. The Michigan Social Security Privacy Act of 2005 also protects individuals from having to use their number in the course of employment — except for four consecutive numbers.

Tyron Township Clerk Keith Kremer said at the township level, they only have the numbers they need on payroll, and only his deputy has access to the numbers, which are locked in a safe.

When to claim Social Security benefits
Despite some myths, one cannot claim a lump sum of a payment, said accountant Penny Faussey, of Faussey and Associates in Fenton.

“It’s not a promise to pay, she said. “It doesn’t really accumulate there, the choice is when you retire and then start drawing.” For the full benefit, retire later, at least at the retirement age of 66. After 66 you can draw Social Security and work at the same time. If you retire before 66, the monthly amount will be less, though the amount is different for everyone.

“There’s no umbrella answer for everybody,” she said. “It’s like any investment question. You have to look at your own finances and your own needs.”

A good place to start is the SSA website: www.ssa.gov. There you can calculate based on earnings what your payout would be. Faussey said it’s also a good idea to check to make sure your income and records are accurate.

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heart disease. “I have to have something to focus on. Running is my therapy.” It also seemed like fate. “Everything that has to do with Braylon is a number 2 or a number 7,” she said. “His birthday was Feb. 7, his passing was Jan. 2, he underwent seven surgeries, spent seven of his 11-month life in the hospital, was the seventh grandchild on both sides of our families. When I found out the date of the race was April 27, I told Brett, ‘you’re going to have to take a couple days off work because we’re going to Nashville!’

Going to Nashville also seemed like it would be “going home” again for Foerster, who had lived there in her 20s. It was also where she beat a nagging weight problem by taking up running — a sport she has enjoyed throughout her life.

“I wanted to get a full marathon (26.2 miles) off my bucket list before I got too old,” said Foerster, 45, who has run many races, but never more than a half marathon. “I told Brett that this race would be perfect because the weather would be 70 degrees and sunny.”

Not only was the weather “not perfect,” monsoon-like conditions sent about 3/4 of rain pounding on downtown Nashville, from the time Foerster started the race until she hit Mile 25. “I ran in a poncho that kept blowing off as I’d run,” she said. “I’d hit puddles so deep that my feet would slip and slosh and add about five more pounds to the run.”

Miraculously, at Mile 25, the rain finally let up. “I told myself I couldn’t let myself cry until I ran the final 1.2 miles of the marathon,” admitted Foerster. “When I saw the cheering crowds and the finish line ahead, I told myself that I could sprint that. It was the most amazing feeling!”

She was also very pleased with her time, running the full marathon in 5:13:34. “I’ll never be a fast runner, my goal is just to finish the race,” she said.

While up to 85 family members and friends have run annual races in Ann Arbor to raise money for Team Braylon Gift of Hope, this was the first time in seven years Foerster had stepped out on her own for a different cause. The Nashville marathon raised more than $1 million to benefit St. Jude Children’s Hospital.

“I think my son would be proud,” she said. “We saw a lot of young cancer patients at C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital.” However, Foerster doesn’t see another full marathon in her future, unless she takes her work schedule down a notch. “It’s too hard to train for a full marathon when I’m working full-time (at Diplomat Pharmacy) and traveling for work,” she said. “I’d have to give

up family time for long runs of 16 to 19 miles at Kensington. At this point in my life, family time is more important to me.”

But she hasn’t given up raising money in her son’s memory. She’ll be leading the way at local events like the Tour de Lacs Charity Bike Ride in Fenton, coming up on Aug. 3. “This is where my heart is,” she said.

The starting line at the Nashville Country Music Marathon shows 3,431 marathon runners stepping out to raise more than $1 million for St. Jude Children’s Hospital.
Loose Board President Ken Wensel addresses attendees of the groundbreaking ceremony last Thursday in front of Building C, one of the two buildings that survived the fire in 2011.
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Fenton has a much smaller part, because most of the project is in Fenton Township. The project will widen the section of road between Bly and Butcher roads.

So far, barrels are laid out diverting traffic. Trees and branches have been removed from near the shoulder of North LeRoy, part of the southbound lane from Garnet to Bly Road has been removed and storm drain pipes have also been delivered.

Graham is on site to make sure the work is going according to plan, and to make adjustments when needed. Some changes she can make on the fly, others she must consult her boss. In any case, decisions are made to save time, money or both. “It all depends on how technical something gets,” she said.

Around 11 a.m. Graham was supervising the delivery of dozens of concrete drain pipes, laid on the easement in front of the Transfiguration Lutheran Church.

Phase I of the four-phase project will widen the southbound lane, phase II is the center lane, and phase III is the northbound lane—at least for now. Road construction is fluid, and can change if needed, said Graham.

As of now, the first three phases should be done by the end of July. The project budget is $2.9 million, in state, county and some local city funds.

“So far they seem to be moving along pretty quickly,” said Tri-City Trading Post owner Michelle Curtis, whose shop shares the parking lot with Sagebrush Cantina. Orange barrels now form a sometimes confusing barrier to her parking lot, and many other businesses at the very end of North LeRoy.

The current scene for businesses in this place may be a painful reminder of even more extensive construction from last year. “Hopefully it just continues at the same rate. Two years of construction is hard for businesses,” said Curtis who added that it’s too soon to tell if the construction has affected her business.

A worker with Zito Construction Co. operates a machine that pounds the concrete of the southbound lane of North LeRoy Street to make removing the asphalt easier. This phase of the project has been going on for just over a week.

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Savvy sunsreening

Everything you need to know before you buy and apply

By Olivia Dimmer

With summer quickly approaching, many consumers will soon stock up on the essential outdoor lotion. There are thousands of sunscreens and lotions to choose from that contain a dazzling array of nearly unpronounceable chemicals and ingredients. Some of these ingredients are helpful, but some can be harmful according to the Environmental Working Group’s (EWG) Skin Deep Sunscreen Guide.

The Guide lists about a dozen sunscreens that fall under a “Hall of Shame” category for including oxybenzone and retinyl palmitate, both of which have been linked to premature skin aging and cancer in government-funded tests using mice.

Retinyl palmitate is a form of Vitamin A that the Food and Drug Administration and National Toxicology Program have suggested may increase the risk of skin cancer when used on sun-exposed skin. Until research is proven, the EWG recommends avoiding these sunscreens.

The EWG warns against using high-SPF lotions that contain certain chemicals due to alleged health risks. In fact, the FDA debated disallowing companies to market their sunscreens above SPF 50, calling them “misleading to the consumer,” citing an “absence of data demonstrating additional clinical benefit” (FDA 2011a).

The risk with marketing high SPF lotions is consumers often think that the SPF protects them more when it does not. Additionally, high SPF lotions are liable to cause skin irritations and allergies.

“There is no assurance that the specific values themselves are in fact truthful,” according to the FDA in a 2007 report.

Lots high in SPF contain larger amounts of Oxybenzone and Avobenzone, which penetrate the skin in larger amounts and may cause hormone disruption.

To avoid chemicals, EWG recommends sunscreens like Alba Botanica and Burt’s Bees.

In general, Kid’s sunscreens are made with fewer harmful chemicals. Of EWG’s sunscreen ratings, 72 percent of kids’ sunscreens are fragrance-free, versus 54 percent of other sunscreens. Oxybenzone is used in 37 percent of kids sunscreens as opposed to 56 percent intended for the general public.

What matters are the ingredients — not the price on the bottle or who it is intended for. With all the combating research published involving sunscreen and the affects on the body, it’s better to be safe than sorry.

Sunscreen tips

The best means of sun protection is a shirt and hat, but when there’s no getting around exposure, follow these tips:

• Use a sunscreen lotion that does not contain oxybenzone or retinyl palmitate.
• Avoid anything that says “Sunblock.” No product can completely block out the sun’s rays.
• Choose lotion over spray for a more even coverage.
• Make sure labels list UVA or UVB (or broad spectrum protection).
• Use a sunscreen with a minimum SPF of 15 and a maximum of 50.
• Apply an ounce (a shot glass-sized amount) every two hours when in the sun.
• Discard sunscreen that is more than three years old or has been exposed to high temperatures.

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bikers to those walking into a bicycle shop for the first time in their lives. Even though we may never forget how to ride a bike, biking technology is always advancing, even if it may seem to do so in subtle ways. In the past five years there has been an increase in the amount of higher-end bikes designed for women. “Usually what had happened in the past was that if a woman was active in cycling they would have to ride a small men’s frame,” Coe said.

While an expensive option, other new bike technology options include hydraulic disc brakes that are similar to what you would find in a car. “They have been out in the industry for a bit but are now starting to come under $1,000,” said Coe.

Health benefits
Why should you pick out a bike? Other than the fun of biking, there are also many health benefits associated with the activity.

• Making bike rides a regular habit is good for your heart, and can decrease the risk of coronary heart disease.
• Get more physically fit by toning your muscles in your lower body. Cycling is also easier on your joints than other physically demanding activities, making it easier to pick up for those who already have injuries.
• If you are trying to lose weight, bicycling can help you burn calories while having fun. Cycling is also been shown to increase your metabolism even after you are done riding.
• Not only can bicycling help you get healthy, it can help you stay healthy by strengthening your immune system.
• Not only can riding a bike make you physically healthier, it can make you mentally healthier as well. Getting outdoors, taking in the sun and being active can all help to promote a healthier mind.

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Lapeer — Linden softball coach Gordon Jamison saw some problems in his Eagles during both games against Flint Metro League opponent Lapeer West on Monday, but in the end, the victories were the only thing that mattered.

The first game was won 8-2 and the second was a 15-6 margin of victory.

“It keeps us in the hunt (in the league),” Jamison said. “If Swartz Creek stumbles, we wanted to do our best to keep pace.”

The Dragons are currently at the top of the Metro League, so the Eagles will need some help to catch up. Winning against what Jamison called a good Lapeer West team helped that.

“All we can do is worry about what we can do.”

Molly Sherman pitched seven innings in both games, finding some trouble at the beginning of the nightcap while she battled an illness.

“She wasn’t at her best but the defense behind her was good enough,” Jamison said. “With as sluggish as our defense has been, thankfully we brought the bats.”

In the first game of the evening, Sherman allowed two runs, one earned, on six hits and one walk. She struck out seven.

She had an 8-0 lead going into the bottom of the 7th, but loaded up the bases. A single by the Panthers hitters saw the first run, and another single drove in the next.

A pop out to foul territory would soon follow, however, and the Eagles escaped the scare.

Katie Conaway led the Eagles’ offense in Game 1, going 1-for-3 with two RBI. Tori Davis was 3-for-4 with an RBI and Alyssa Logie went 2-for-4 with an RBI as well to aid in the effort.

In Game 2, the Panthers got out to an early 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning, although it was more on the defense behind the plate that caused that, as two passed balls by the Linder catcher brought in two of the runs for Lapeer West. She was replaced with a new catcher in the second inning.

In the bottom of the second inning, Linden’s offense came alive.

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Linden’s Molly Sherman collected both victories on the mound against Lapeer West on Monday.

Because of injuries, Lapeer West on Monday.

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**TRACK AND FIELD**

- Holly track at River Rat Invitational:
  - The Holly boys took second, while the girls placed sixth. Holly did best in the 300 hurdles. Sean Barr won the event (40.45), while Matt Porter (41.12) placed second. Barr placed second in the 110 hurdles (15.60). Other seconds for the Holly boys were posted by Vince Caru in the 1,600 (4:34.86), Nate Priester in the 3,200 (10:05.59) and the 400 relay team of Barr, Jawon Barr, John Williams and Evan Papuga (44.43). Other individuals finishing with top-five performances for Holly were Dillon Lemond in the 3,200 (10:14.10); Dakota Thornton, third in the discus (145-6); Jarred Schuermann, third in the long jump (18-10); and Nick Sammut, fourth in the long jump (18-5).

- Two pilots were placed by Maggie Schneider who placed second in the 3,200 run (11:55.36). Schneider also teamed with Karyn Smith, Charlotte Ruffini and Kortyn Keselot to take second in the 3,200 relay (10:16.91). Two others earned individual top-five performances. They were Amy Derou- sha who placed third in the high jump (4-9), and Megan Pawowski who placed fourth in the high jump (4-9).

- Linden track at Williamson Invitational:
  - The Linden boys placed second, while the Ladies girls placed third. The Eagles came home with three firsts. Nikki Sargent paced the team with a win in the 400 meter relay (54.50). The team also took the pole vault (13-0), while Kyle Susalla won the 400 (53.45). Other individuals earning top-three performances were Gage Elliott, third in the 1,600 (4:39.97); Roger Phillips, second in the 3,200 (9:58.97); and Justin McKenney, second in the pole vault (13-0). The Eagles had all four of its girls relays place second at the meet.

- Fenton, Lake Fenton track at Cardinal Twilight Classic:
  - The Fenton girls placed 12th, while the Lake Fenton girls placed 16th. Lake Fenton’s boys were 18th in their event.

- Fenton’s girls were paced by their 1,600 relay team of Mackenzie Ferguson, Jennifer Ellis, Emily Kimmen and Emily Bernis, winning with a time of 4:19.37. Lake Fenton’s girls also had a first. Sidney Scott took the top spot in the 300 hurdles (50.60). Others who placed individually in the top five for Fenton were: Laura Carlson, fourth in the 1,600 (6:11.07); Megan Somers, fifth in the shot put (27-9); Jennifer Lavy and Saranne Herter, tied for fifth in the pole vault (6-0).

- The Lake Fenton boys were led by Sayer Scott who placed first in the 300 hurdles (41.56). Others individually placing in the top five were: Brad Wilson, fourth in the 100 (11.77); Matt Hommer, fifth in the 100 (11.82); and Nick Van Dusen, fifth in the shot put (41-3).

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**LF soccer earns strong draw vs. Powers**

- **By Dave Topprens**
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- Those wanting to find out exactly how good the ninth-ranked Lake Fenton var-sity girls soccer team is, got a chance to find out on Saturday.

- Competing against seventh-ranked Flint Powers, the Blue Devils (9-1-1) showed they are on par with the tradi-tions of state powers by earning a 1-1 draw against the Chargers.

- “It was a hard-fought game with lots of action by both teams,” Lake Fenton coach Lenny Glassetter said. “This was an exciting game for the fans.”

- Both goals were scored in the first half. Powers (5-4-1) scored when Andre Glubinski attacked the left side and took a shot from about 15 yards out, nailing the back right corner of the net. Powers led 1-0 about 17 minutes into the contest.

- However, with about seven minutes left in the first half, the Blue Devils re-sponded. Jordan Newman sent a pass to Denise Carlson, who was running down the left side. The pass made it through two Powers defenders and Carlson scored from about five yards out, dead-locking the game at 1-all.

- In the second half, the game’s tempo gave both teams some chances to score, but neither was able to. Powers enjoyed a slight 7-6 shots edge in the contest.

- “The second half featured a lot of ball movement,” Glassetter said. “The middle-fielders were playing a tough physical game, with plenty of passing.

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**GAC Tournament**

**Lake Fenton 8, Mt. Morris 0**

- The Blue Devils (10-1-1) began GAC tourney play by earning the win in one half. Jordan Newman had four goals, while Victoria Hegblom, Alyssa Krueger, Sidney Scott and Melissa Williams had a goal each. Scott and Denise Carlson had two assists each. Krueger and Miranda Quick had an assist each. Missy Eggleston earned the shutout in net.

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Tigers, Eagles win weekend tourney titles

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Two area rivals came home from weekend tournaments with championships on Saturday.

The Linden varsity softball team won the Mt. Morris tournament, while the Fenton girls earned a co-title at the Kearsley Invitational, due to the final game not being able to be played due to darkness.

Linden opened the Mt. Morris event by beating Millington 7-5 in the first game and Flint Southwestern 14-3 in the second game. The Eagles capped their title with a 9-0 victory against Sault Ste. Marie.

The Fenton girls defeated Alpena 8-4 and then Imlay City 2-1 in eight innings in pool action. In the semifinals, Fenton beat Grand Blanc 1-0. The Tigers were forced to share the tourney championship with Bullock Creek, the other semifinal victor.

In the 2-1 semifinal victory, the Tigers trailed 1-0 after Grand Blanc’s Samantha Handa hit an RBI-single, but Fenton responded with a run in the bottom of the first inning. Ellie Cowger tripled and Marina Cleis followed with an RBI-single. Fenton got the winning run in the fourth inning when Rachel Siekierski doubled, was sacrificed to third by Sarah Halstead and scored on a botched pitchfork throw attempt. Cowger allowed only two hits on the mound, striking out five in what was a five-inning time-limit contest.

In the quarterfinal, Fenton’s Emma Brant hit an RBI-single in the bottom of the eighth inning, scoring Katelyn Cairnduff. The Tigers’ defense was dominant. Cleis turned a double play in one inning when Imlay City had the bases loaded, while Regina Siekier- ski threw out two Imlay City base runners. Paige Dean earned the complete-game victory, allowing nine hits.

In the opener, Fenton had 11 hits, led by Rachel Siekierski’s three hits and three RBI. Cleis had two hits. Cowger was the winning pitcher on the mound, allowing five hits and striking out seven. She walked none.

Linden won its title game behind four-hit pitching by Molly Sherman in the title game. She struck out seven. Sherman also led the offense, going 4-4-for-4 with six RBI. Brianne Senter and Savannah Weaver each had three hits, with each providing a home run. Marja Satkowski collected two hits.

In the team’s second game, Linden took advantage of 10 Southwestern walks and four hit batters to earn the victory. Senter, Weaver, Sherman, and Tori Davis each walked twice. On the mound, Alexa Marsh went the entire five innings, earning the win.

In Linden’s opener, Senter had three hits, including a home run in the sixth inning, to lead Linden to the victory. Sherman went the distance on the mound, allowing seven hits and just two earned runs in six innings. She struck out seven.

Lake Fenton at Hemlock Invitational

The Blue Devils had troubles in the seventh inning during the games at the tourney, resulting in a 1-2 record.

Against Pinconning, Lake Fenton surrendered three hits in the top of the seventh, losing 3-2. Against Saginaw Valley Lutheran, the Blue Devils allowed three runs in the bottom of the seventh, losing 4-3. Against Swan Valley, Lake Fenton scored 10 runs in the first inning and cruised to the 10-3 win in six innings.

Lake Fenton 13-7, LakeVille 6-4: The Blue Devils had 14 hits in the opener, scoring four runs in the second and fifth innings. Neil Allor had three hits, three RBI and three runs scored, while Cody Alexander had three hits and three RBI. Jared Smith led with two doubles and three RBI.

In the second game, the Blue Devils scored five runs in the fifth inning, the last inning of the game due to darkness, and won the contest. Cody Alex- ander was the winning pitcher and also had two hits and two RBI. Wilson had a hit and two RBI.

Goodrich 7-13, Lake Fenton 0-9: The Blue Devils trailed 12-0 in the second game, but made a solid comeback before falling short. Tyler Begley, Joe Boughner and Cody Alexander had two hits each, while Begley and Striker DeGraayer had two RBI each.

In the first game, Alexander, Wyatt Wilson, Tyler Smith and Boughner had a hit each.

Linden JV 3-7, Lapeer West JV 3-1: The Eagles (16-1) led the first game after eight innings. Bailey Davis and Jake Marshall had two hits each, while Tim Sines struck out nine West hitters, going the distance on the mound. In the second game, Marshall and Pets had two hits each while Marshall earned the victory, striking out five and allowing just four hits.

Fenton’s Sarah Halstead makes contact with a pitch. Fenton earned a co-tournament title at the Kearsley Invitational.

Tiger’s at a glance:

Lake Fenton 3-7, Imlay City 2-1: Both teams had two hits, with neither team scoring in the seventh inning.

Lake Fenton 8-4, Lapeer West 7-3: The Eagles had six hits and four runs in the first inning.

Lake Villes 6-4, Imlay City 4-2: Lake Villes had two runs in the first inning and scored both runs in the second inning.

Lapeer West 9-0, Fenton 0-9: The Eagles had nine runs in the second inning.

Lake Villes 6-4, Lake Fenton 5-3: The Eagles had four hits in the fifth inning.

Lake Villes 1-0, Fenton 0-9: The Eagles had one hit in the fifth inning.

Lake Fenton 8-4, Lake Villes 0-9: The Eagles had eight runs in the first inning.

Lake Villes 6-4, Fenton 0-9: The Eagles had six runs in the first inning.

Fenton 13-7, Lake Villes 0-9: The Eagles had 13 runs in the first inning.

Lake Villes 0-9, Fenton 0-9: The Eagles had no hits.

Lake Villes 6-4, Fenton 0-9: The Eagles had six runs in the first inning.

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BOYS GOLF
Lake Fenton at St. Johns Invitational:
The Blue Devils took the tournament title with a team score of 317, eight shots better than second-place East Lansing. John Growney led the Blue Devils and the entire field by earning match medalist honors. He shot an 18-hole score of 77. Merrick See, Holden and Alex Lindbloom each carded an 80.

Holly 179, Brandon 188:
Sam Johnson and Parker Rowse led the Bronchos with 44s at Heather Highlands. William Molter carded a 45, while Kyle Pepper had a 46.

Linden 166, Lapeer East 181:
At Metamora Golf and Country Club, Zack Sultha carded a 39, leading the Eagles to victory. Alec Bond had a 40, while Devon Cota carded a 43. Dylan Elmer had a 44.

Fenton at the Millford Invitational:
The Tigers placed second in a field of 337. John Lloyd led the Tigers with an 82.

Linden at the Haiselt Invitational:
The Eagles placed seventh with a team score of 328 at Forest Acres East Golf Course. Alec Bond led Linden with a 79, scoring a 328 at Forest Acres East Golf Course. Dustin Zander carded a 43. Dylan Elmer had a 44.

Fenton 10-9, Clio 1-12:
The Tigers got three hits from Brandon Carpenter, Kaitie Call and Marisa Cleis, leading Fenton to the first-game win. One of Carpenter's hits was a home run. Paige Dean earned the victory, allowing five hits and striking out six. In the nightcap, Clio scored five runs in the fifth and sixth innings to take the lead for good, resulting in the DH split.

Fenton 5, Kearsley 0:
The Tigers remained undefeated in the Metro with the win, recording five different goal scorers in the contest. They were Allison Cialikowksi, Chloe Feur, Katie Delavergne, Baylee Adams and Mary Geib. Brennan Sullivan and Bri Costigan had two assists each, while Feur had one.

Linden 7, Brandon 0:
Sarah Ford and Kelsey Brecht had two goals each, leading the Eagles to the win. Samantha Thornton, Katie Wilkowski and Jesse Magalski had goals as well. Wilkowski had two assists, while Magalski, Ford and Kariha Varner had assists. In the JV game Madison Machermer scored three times, leading the Eagles to a 4-0 win.

Fenton 7, Flushing 1:
The Tigers won all four singles flight matches, sparking the victory. The singles winners were Madison Ballard (No. 1), Allison Peters (No. 2), Allison Strayer (No. 3) and Josie Buhg (No. 4). In doubles action, Fenton’s victors were Lily Dubois and Emily McIntosh (No. 1), Ashley Bearden and Hannah Horton (No. 2), and Sylee Kiran and Katie Kurycz (No. 4).

Coffey tosses no-hitter at Hourigan Invitational

Fenton Tigers edged by Powers in title game

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What had been the Wood Bat Classic has now been changed in honor of Fenton’s Jesse Hourigan, who lost his battle with leukemia in March.

A year ago he threw the opening pitch to the tourney. This season, it was played in his memory for the first time.

Powers came out of the tourney as the champions, defeating the Fenton Tigers 3-2 in the finals of the Jesse Hourigan Invitational.

Powers scored a single run in the first inning, on a bases loaded walk, and single runs in the third and fourth innings.

The Tigers tied it up in the first when Connor Davidson doubled and eventually scored on an RBI-ground out by Parker Cisko.

Trailing 3-1 in the seventh, the Tigers put together a rally. Davidson walked and Zack Kostka reached base on a fielder’s choice play that got neither runner out.

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With a runner on, Sherman helped her own cause by drilling a no-doubter over the left field fence to bring the score to 3-2 in favor of the Panthers.

Two batters later, after another runner was on, Logie joined in the fun with a home run to right-center that gave Linden the 4-3 lead that was never relinquished, adding another run in a fielder’s choice on a hit by Kayla Cavanaugh.

In the next frame, Linden added six more runs to bring their lead to 11-3, four of those runs coming before the Eagles had one out.

When Lapeer West scored in the top of the fourth inning, in the bottom half of the frame Linden came right back with a two-run single from Sydney Jacques that extended their lead 13-4.

With two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning, Sherman was able to keep her composure to get the final three outs and secure the win for the Eagles.

Sherman struck out 11 in Game 2, allowing six runs, two earned, on nine hits and one walk.

Offensively, Logie was the star of the second game, going 4-for-4 with 4 RBIs and four runs. Both Jacques and Sherman went 2-for-4 with two RBI, and Davis went 2-for-2 with an RBI and four runs scored.

Linden (15-3) returns to action Wednesday against Burton Bulldog in a doubleheader. They will face Fenton in a doubleheader on Monday to close out their Flint Metro League schedule.

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COFFEEY TOSSING....
DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My son is 33. During his last visit, he happened to mention that he had floaters in his eyes, and they drove him crazy. He didn’t go into detail about this, but I would like to know about floaters and their implications. I never had them. — L.H.

ANSWER: Floaters are dark, small spots that dart across a person’s field of vision when the person moves his eyes. They’re deposits of debris in the vitreous, a gel-like substance that fills the entire back two-thirds of the eye. Near-sighted people are prone to developing them. I bet your son is near-sighted. There is no treatment for floaters. People learn to deal with them. A sudden onset of a large number of floaters indicates that the retina is tearing away from its attachment to the back of the eye. Detachment of the vitreous can do the same. If such an event takes place, an immediate examination by an ophthalmologist is mandatory.

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**TIMES MIDWEEK**

**Wednesday Sudoku**

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row, column and each of the nine 3x3 boxes contains all the numbers 1 through 9. Answer in this Sunday’s edition of the Tri-County Times.

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**Wednesday Jumble**

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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They’ve been here for 20 years.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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IT A A A
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Answer: IT A A A

Answer in this Sunday’s edition of the Tri-County Times.

**DVDs & Movies**

**The Last Stand**

After leaving his LAPD narcotics post following a bungled operation that left him wracked with remorse and regret, Sheriff Ray Owens (Schwarzenegger) moved out of Los Angeles and settled into a life fighting what little crime takes place in sleepy border town Sommerton Junction. But that peaceful existence is shattered when Gabriel Cortez (Eduardo Noriega), the most notorious, wanted drug kingpin in the western hemisphere, makes a deadly yet spectacular escape from an FBI prisoner convoy. R, 1 hr. 47 min.

**Parker**

Set amidst the unparalleled wealth and glamour of Palm Beach, Jason Statham and Jennifer Lopez team up to get their cut in the crime thriller PARKER based on the series of bestselling novels by Donald E. Westlake. The film is directed by Academy Award (R) nominee Taylor Hackford (Ray) and also stars Michael Chiklis, Wendell Pierce (HBO’s The Wire) and Academy Award nominee Nick Nolte. R, 1 hr. 58 min.

**KING FEATURES**

**Crossword Puzzle**

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**Your good health**

**Wednesday Jumble**

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Photo courtesy of Wayne and Sally Cottrill
Organizers with the Linden Mills Days are looking to bring bigger attractions to downtown Linden this year. A proposed entertainment tent was the biggest point of contention for city officials. Pictured is the carnival from the 2012 event.

OPPOSITES

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Despite having met regularly with city officials since January, board members, Mayor David Lossing, City Manager Paul Zelenak and Police Chief Scott Sutter were unaware of most of the events planned for the festival. City officials became concerned when Rosen and fellow organizers Amanda Braithwaite and Terry Wright requested to serve alcohol in an entertainment tent for the event.

“I would not encourage serving drinks on the street,” said Councilor Ray Culpert, who audibly bemoaned Braithwaite as she requested the council consider the entertainment tent. “My concern is security. My concern is noise and crowd control.”

Organizers proposed placing the tent on Bridge and Broad streets to East Street, behind Downtown Linden Hotel. A country singing competition is in the works for the festival and it would be held in the entertainment tent. Braithwaite said the event could draw thousands of people downtown and that organizers have roughly $12,000 allocated for radio commercials.

“We’re expecting a lot of people, so we would like you to bear with us,” Braithwaite said.

The Skerbeck Bros. Carnival, fireworks show, triathlon and ‘kid zone’ downtown are some of the events planned for Linden Mills Days, extending beyond the country singing competition.

But city officials were adamant about potential safety and noise issues with the entertainment tent. Councilor Ed Ciesielski called the presented plans ‘sketchy at best’ and compared the problems to that of the Summer Happening festival.

In 2011, Linden city officials endorsed Linden Mills Days after the Summer Happening festival pulled out of the city limits. Controversy over the use of an entertainment tent was a major factor for organizer Brian Carr, who relocated the festival to the grounds of Linden Community Schools last year. According to the Summer Happening Facebook page, the Summer Happening will not be held this year.

Sutter said safety for the entertainment tent would be up to the organizers and not the city. When Braithwaite asked Sutter for guidelines on what criteria they would need to submit to him for security detail, Sutter responded, “I’m not going to do your work for you.”

“There isn’t a guideline, you’re going to have to come up with it and ask around,” Sutter said. “I’m just concerned about people going out into the streets afterward and something happening.”

Wright said an entertainment tent could give organizers the opportunity to monitor those drinking alcohol and would generate revenue for the organizers. The city of Linden, who had contributed funds to the event in the past, is not contributing funds this year.

“There was a time when there was no beer tent. What the problem was, people were wandering all over the place drinking,” Wright said. “The beer tent has always been a problem, but the problem with the beer tent is they do need some revenue in order to ground the event. It takes money to do that, it is a tough sell.”

Lossing moved to have city officials and organizers work on the entertainment tent separately from the event.

“I’m not opposed to a beer tent in the street to be honest, but I don’t want this done at the last minute,” Lossing said. “I want to make sure everybody is covered, the residents, the city, your organization so we could have a great event next month.”

The city council and organizers are expected to speak further on plans for Linden Mills Days in June at a city council meeting.