The deadliest 100 days for teen drivers is now

Crashes, deaths increase between Memorial Day and Labor Day

By William Axford

Teenagers behind the wheel had better look both ways before crossing the street this summer. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reports that nearly 1,000 people died in vehicle crashes involving teenagers between Memorial Day and Labor Day in 2012, with more than half the deaths being that of teen drivers. The mix of no school, inexperience and increased traffic during the summer leads to increased car-related deaths.

Technology, impaired driving and even passengers are other distractions attributed to driving accidents, NHTSA says.

Students exit Fenton High School Monday, headed to their vehicles in the student parking lot.

CITY PASSES PROTECTIONS FOR LBGT IN FENTON

Fenton joins Linden, Ann Arbor, Kalamazoo

By Tim Jagielo

Fenton — A 2013 Gallup poll found that 3.8 percent of Michigan residents identify themselves as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender, (LGBT) which could possibly mean around 480 people in Fenton.

If Michigan adopted LGBT-friendly laws, it could affect 360,000 people.

The Laundry owner Mark Hamel isn’t sure how strong the LGBT community in Fenton is — he said he knows 12 families personally that the law passed could impact.

On Monday, the city voted unanimously to adopt a broad non-discrimination ordinance, which aside from sex, race, age, nationality, color, marital status, physical or mental disability, also covers sexual orientation and gender identity or expression.

Infant killed by family dog

Area 2½-month-old attacked while being held by uncle

On Monday a little before noon, Oakland County Sheriff’s deputies from the Springfield Township substation responded to a call for assistance. A 2½-month-old infant had been attacked by the family dog.

While being held by the baby’s 18-year-old uncle, the dog jumped onto the couch and attacked the baby’s face and throat. The catahoula, a cattle breed dog, had been with the family for two years.

Geese add 300 pounds of feces daily to local landscape

Approximately 70 birds will be rounded up, relocated in next few weeks

By Tim Jagielo

Fenton — They’re cute, they hiss when you get too close, and their days are numbered.

For the third year, the city has submitted requests for permits for goose removal at the Fenton Millpond. The geese have been a problem with their droppings and the city has tried various methods to control the population.

Just ahead of downtown Fenton’s busiest time of the year, these geese by the Millpond will be removed and likely relocated this month.

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Food prices, now versus last year

Meat sees continual increase; vegetables and fruits vary

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If it seems like food prices aren’t getting any cheaper, your intuition would be correct. According to a Times review of current food prices found today locally, and one year ago, most grocery prices have stayed the same or have gone up.

Droughts, excessive rain and the harsh cold winter

are factors that have affected farmers and herders in recent years, forcing grocers to adjust their prices accordingly. Here are some of the biggest changes the Times found.

Meat overall isn’t getting any cheaper. Boneless, skinless chicken breast has increased from a few cents per pound while other meats, such as beef have increased significantly. Ground chuck in 2013 once cost $2.39 per pound and increased to $2.99 per pound by this year, a 60-cent increase.

T-Bone steak fluctuated from $5.89 a pound last year to $7.99 a pound this year. Bratwurst, depending on the brand, has mostly stayed the same in price averaging $2.99 a pack.

Other food groups like fruits and vegetables aren’t so uniformed when it comes to pricing. Bi-color sweet corn increased from 14 cents last year to 33 cents, more than doubling. A whole seedless watermelon was $3.99 last year and reaching as low as $3.49.

Grains are one of the few food groups that have decreased in price since last year. Hamburger and hotdog buns were around $3.29 last year, dropping to $2.99 or less this year. Other summer staples like pop and chips were not as easy to compare, as these items are frequently listed as $10 for 10 or buy one, get one free.

The differences in food prices between this year and last year match price levels reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Meats from all across the board including 

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‘I’m bored’... 

Keep your teens and ‘tweens busy this summer with activities for self-improvement

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School is almost out for the summer, and you’ve already become anxious about how your teens and ‘tweens are going to spend their time. You know there’s more to life than smartphones and iPads, and you want them to make the most of their precious summer hours.

Even if your teen hasn’t found a job yet, there are other things he or she can do to contribute to their family, their community and their future. Here are a few ideas:

Start your own business

You can build a business around chores that other people often don’t have time to do, such as lawn mowing, gardening, pet-sitting, house-sitting, babysitting, tutoring, etc. Maybe there’s an opportunity to help a family friend’s business with social marketing, etc. Any of these jobs will help a teen learn creativity and manage their time.

Get to know yourself

Use some downtime this summer to explore your own interests. Take 20 minutes every day to write your thoughts down in a journal. Start writing the book you haven’t had time to write. Use your See TEENS on 9
FROM THE LEFT
Clarence Page
Nationally syndicated columnist

What matters most: Bringing Gi Bowe back

Those who object to President Barack Obama’s recent prisoner exchange raise a bracing question: How many Taliban terrorists is one freed U.S. soldier worth? That question lies at the heart of the backlash that President Obama has received for freeing U.S. Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, who has been held prisoner by the Taliban for the past five years.

The objections come mainly over the way he did it. He traded five high-ranking Taliban detainees from the prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, who many sources call the most dangerous U.S. detainees on the island.

But what, I ask, is the alternative? When a civilized country is drawing down a military action, as the U.S. is withdrawing from Afghanistan, it does not leave its soldiers behind.

It was perhaps with that in mind that the Obama White House appears to have underestimated the political blowback they would receive for the Bergdahl swap. Where Team Obama appears to have been caught in a perfect storm against him over Bergdahl. Too many questions surround his record, as a media feeding frenzy soon exposed.

He was called a traitor and deserter by members of his platoon, whose rage is not hard to understand. Walking away from your fellow soldiers violates more than written military law. It breaks the crucial bond of mutual trust, reliance and interdependence that is at the core of military culture and the ‘warrior brotherhood,’ for men and for women.

By most accounts, Bergdahl did his job and performed like a quick-witted, adventurous oddball who kept to himself in a culture that can be unforgiving to nonconformists.

He also walked away twice before, once during training in California and once in Afghanistan, but he returned both times on his own. Was he on another one of his dangerous walkabouts in 2009 when he walked into the arms of the Taliban?

GI Bowe is coming home. Perhaps now he can tell his side of the story. If he broke laws, he should be prosecuted. If a real court martial is necessary, it would be better than his current court martial by news media.

I HAD CHARTER come out to my house because I wasn’t getting my program. They fixed everything, which was great. But I had wires everywhere. It seems that they aren’t considered social security is not a ‘gift’ from our government; it is something we pay into throughout our working lives, to provide care in our later years. Medicare is similar; it is targeted for our retirement years. And many people who get unemployment are not lazy.

CIRCUMCISIONS were NOT covered as part of the cost of birth; they were a separate line item generally paid for by insurance. Today they often aren’t covered because they aren’t considered medically necessary. So it probably saves you money to have your doctor do it instead of the hospital.

Harry Truman said the buck stops here. Obama says I didn’t know and it’s Bush’s fault.

OK, WORKERS have to wait until 2018 before they get a minimum wage of $9.25 an hour. But, from the way I read it, the recently passed Senate Bill 934 was a way of skirting around a possible hike of $10.10 an hour, to be put on the November ballot.

If I LIVED next to a convenience store, I probably could have been picked out, picked up what I needed, chatted with the clerk, and trotted back home; all before the commercials on the TV program I was watching were even finished. At least I got some fresh air.

If your child can’t read, write and speak the English language correctly, you’re failing as a parent. Teachers can only do so much. Frankly, between the low pay, high cost of college and all of the flack they constantly take it’s amazing anybody wants the job these days.

DO ANY of these people complaining about parking spaces in Flint understand that these restaurants are a draw for the city? I have had people from Flint tell me that they drove to Flint to go to the The Laughing Crab only to come here to eat lunch?

TO THE PERSON who complained about the discrepancy between bail for a shooter in Flint as opposed to a shooter in Flint. Well, I guess it’s pretty obvious. Life is more valuable in Flint and shooting someone is less acceptable in Flint than it is in Flint.

Obama has just set us up for another 9/11. What does it take to get you people to understand he does not know what he is doing? These five are high ranking Taliban. They have the ability to set us up for a 9/11 attack. Get real people, wake up!

I UNDERSTAND that Hot lines are opinion, but should people be able to post blatant lies like the ‘non-military foreigner in the White House’ or racist remarks like ‘if more than 50 percent of Americans are speaking Spanish by 2050, then there are too many illegal people living here?’ Pure lies.

RUINING PUBLIC PARKING? You are kidding, right? It’s public parking. That means the public can park there and go whenever they so choose. I keep hearing you complaining about the tax revenue these businesses bring to your city.

RAISING WATER/SEWER rates in Linden? How about you work on the quality of the crappy water we have already? We’ve had to put in a sofeter system and filters and still can’t drink it. What a way to mismanage this issue.

If Obama REIGNED that would mean Biden. I am reminded of an episode of Seinfeld with opposite George. Obama should do the opposite of every decision. That would mean no lying, secure borders, no terrorist released, no chewing gum, and a real foreign policy.

SEPARATION OF CHURCH and State is in the first Amendment. Who is credited with first public use of the phrase is not important. No candidate who cannot separate their personal religious beliefs from their public duties should be elected.

AFGHANISTAN’S only CASH crop is the poppy. Radical Islam’s main enemy is America. Way to weaken an enemy is with poison. If the victims pay for the poison themselves before taking it, that’s a bonus.

EVERYONE that is COMPLAINING about the parking situation near the new restaurant, keep this in mind... The employees park as far away as possible so YOU can park closer to everything.

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FROM THE RIGHT
Cal Thomas
Nationally syndicated columnist

Negotiating with terrorists

Euphoria over the Taliban’s release of Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl has been quickly tempered by media reports that Bergdahl had abandoned his post and that his father made comments opposing the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Bergdahl’s father today said he was only working to free all Guantanamo prisoners. God will repay for the death of every Afghan child.

Does that include those children killed while being used as human shields by the Taliban? Where is Bergdahl’s concern for women who die from ‘honour killings’ and for girls who are denied an education?

The up-front cost of this ‘prisoner exchange’ is the release of five terrorists from the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay. Future costs could be much higher.

Official U.S. policy has been ‘we don’t negotiate with terrorists.’ Except when we do.

The five have been shipped to Qatar. President Obama said the Qatari government has assured him they will be subjected to security restrictions and won’t be a threat. The five have imprisoned Muslim state like Qatar, Islamic blood is thicker than the ‘water’ of infidels.

The prisoner release is another in a growing list of executive actions that bypass Congress, which has imposed strict statutory restrictions on moving detainees out of Gitmo. Most importantly, that Congress receives notification 30 days before any planned release. Congress received no such notice. Once again, President Obama has circumvented the law.

Brigadier General Jay Hood, who once ran Gitmo, confirmed this scenario in testimony before a House panel in 2005. About a detainee named Abdullah Mehsud, Gen. Hood said, ‘He came to us without one leg... we fitted him with a prosthetic leg before he left while in U.S. custody.’ After his release, Pakistani officials say he directed an attack in Pakistan that killed 31 people. Two months later, he blew himself up to avoid capture.

Radical Islamists are serious about killing in pursuit of their extreme objectives. Releasing their soldiers can only embolden them to take more Americans hostage. The deal for Sgt. Bergdahl may well turn out to have been a bargain with the devil.

Where in Michigan are you visiting this summer?

Compiled by Tony Christopher intern

“Mackinac Island. The scenery is nice and my wife likes when the lilacs are in bloom.”
—Roger Paulson, Linden

“Charlevoix. I like the waterfront view and just relaxing enjoying the scenery.”
—Jim Ott, Grand Blanc

“Traverse City. We’ve gone for 20 years and I like to visit the small towns and go antiquing.”
—Ruthann Uloke, Grand Blanc

“We go up north, we have a place in Alanson. We also want to take a train trip.”
—Lisa Matthews, Fenton

“Traverse Bay/Petoskey. We also go to the Detroit area to visit the Henry Ford Museum and local parks.”
—Lisa Hammock, Fenton

“Traverse City, my son lives there. My favorite part is the wineries and the beautiful scenery.”
—Marga McDaniel, Fenton
There’s a ‘tick boom’ in Michigan

Fortunately, the deer tick carrying Lyme disease isn’t common in tri-county area

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It’s tick season in Michigan, so it’s time to break out the insect repellent and long pants.

The good news is that we’re already on the down side of tick season, which typically lasts from spring until early July.

The bad news is that there is a tick boom going on in the state, with populations especially prevalent on Michigan’s west side.

THE MOST COMMON TICKS IN MICHIGAN ARE:
• The wood tick (aka the American dog tick), which does not carry Lyme disease, but does carry the more rare Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. This species is increasing in abundance and locations.

“The wood tick is becoming common in Genesee County, especially the southern areas, which has more wooded habitat,” said Dr. Ned Walker, professor at Michigan State University in microbiology and entomology, in an interview with the Times. “It’s really common for people to see this tick first on their dogs.”

• The deer tick (aka the black-legged tick), which carries Lyme disease, is also increasing and spreading in lower Michigan, “but is not common in the tri-county area,” said Walker. “I do think it’s just a matter of time.”

Why the increase in ticks the last few years? “Because of the increase in the deer population,” said Walker. “Ticks require a host animal, and the habitat that these animals live in are increasing.”

Even though the ticks that carry Lyme disease are not prevalent in the tri-county,

to be taken to a wetlands area that can support the extra fowl.

Each day, he calls the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and finds out a safe location for them.

So far no geese have been killed after removal, but that could change if the MDNR were to say there are too many being relocated. The good news is that if they can’t be relocated they are processed and sent to soup kitchens.

Compton will visit 200 homes, cities and parks to remove geese in the next few weeks, all of which are being relocated to different habitats. He’s not sure when he will get to Fenton — and he tends to not forecast where he’ll be because sometimes it attracts protests.

One thing Czarnecki said that would help with the problem, is simply not feeding the ducks and geese — though he can see the appeal. “The kids just love it, but how do you tell people not to do that?”

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process is expected to be completed by Goose Busters out of Holly Township for less than $800, between June 10 and 28.

According to Goose Busters owner Chris Compton, the 70 or so geese around downtown Fenton each drop 4 to 5 pounds dropping each day, into the grass, grounds and sidewalks.

This means between 280 and 490 pounds of it hitting the ground every day. If that’s not gross enough, all that feces can raise ecoli levels in the water. They’re also a little on edge because of their fuzzy goslings nearby; they’ll hiss if you get too close.

Department of Public Works (DPW) director Dan Czarnecki is accosted by geese when refilling the doggie bags outside the city offices, and the office staff has to sneak around them and their babies, who like to hang out by the back door of the building.

But sometime between now and the end of the month, they’ll be rounded up and removed by Compton. The smaller, less messy, less aggressive ducks will be spared.

It will take 30 minutes to an hour to round up the geese. Compton walks them into a catch area and puts them in a trailer,

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One symptom of Lyme disease is a ‘bulls eye rash’ at the site of the tick bite.

many residents vacation in areas that have known or potential risk for the disease.

Reported cases of Lyme disease rose 60 percent last year, from 98 in 2012 to 165 in 2013, according to the Michigan Department of Community Health. Whether this year will be as dramatic as it is being reported in the news, the experts say.

WARS

The West Nile Virus is also spreading, especially in metro Detroit and the Washtenaw area.

One symptom of West Nile Virus is Severe Flu like symptoms. It can also cause paralysis.

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Dan Czarnecki
Fenton DPW director

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10am-5pm Highland Games, Kids Area, Amateur Bonds, Farmers Market/Arts & Crafters
10am-7pm Air Show & Broadstreet Car Show, American Legion Patriotic Table
10am-8pm Art
11am-10pm Food
11am-2pm Coney Special at Linden Coney
1pm-5pm Adopt a Pet
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2pm-9pm Photo Booths
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8pm-1am Band 7th Hour - 80’s Music
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ground beef, steaks and ham have increased 2 to 6 percent from last year’s prices. Fruits and vegetables have either increased or decreased by a few percent, depending on the individual item.

Summary
Food continues to increase in price, especially when it comes to meats. Fruits and vegetables are more varied, with certain food products increasing and decreasing.

It should be noted that the analysis is not flawless. In addition to weather, other factors like time of the year affects prices too. Grilled foods are slightly cheaper in the summer months compared to other seasons, ham and turkey cheaper in the fall and winter, etc. Overstocked items can also drive the price of some foods down, especially when grocery stores need to unload certain foods.

After reaching record highs, it’s unclear if food prices will increase, decrease or remain the same. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations reports food prices have been declining worldwide since March, albeit by only a few percentage points. Fears of swine disease and herders recovering from smaller stocks of cattle may keep meat prices up throughout the year.

Business and NHS raise $2,000 for Holly fireworks
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Holly’s fireworks may shine a little brighter this year, thanks to the efforts of The French Flamingo and the Holly High School National Honor Society. Combined, they raised $2,000 for this year’s fireworks fund by selling patriotic scarves around town. French Flamingo owner Sandra Kleven was overwhelmed by the amount of support given to the fundraiser.

“We started it last year because fireworks are something we always enjoyed,” Kleven said. “We’ve sold 400 scarves at $5 per donation, although some people have donated without taking a scarf.”

Holly DDA Director Andy Potter said the donation will be greatly appreciated by Holly’s Fourth of July fireworks show.

“I believe this puts us on par right where we need to be,” Potter said.

The red, white and blue scarves are available at the store on South Saginaw Street in downtown Holly. Kleven said that the store will continue a similar donation drive next year for fireworks, with a different product. For more information, call (248) 634-1897.

KILLED
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A news release from the Sheriff’s Office news release, the 26-year-old father raid the dog from the baby. He too sustained injuries. Deputies arrived and began to administer CPR. The child was taken to Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc Township, where it was determined the injured infant should be airifted to Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. The infant died from the injuries at Beaumont Hospital.

The dog, a 3½-year-old female herding breed had previously bitten a neighbor on the arm, but without injury.

Oakland County Animal Control took custody of the animal, and the Sheriff’s Office Forensic Lab conducted an investigation. Oakland County Child Protective Services was made aware of the incident and investigation.

Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard said in the news release, “This is a tragic incident, and a sad reminder to keep animals away from small children and babies no matter what the circumstances may be. Animal behavior, whether intended playful or territorial, can have a devastating impact on small children.”

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Oakland County sheriff

The William Van Regenmorter Crime Victim’s Rights Act and the Michigan Constitution, Article I, Section 24
In 1985, Michigan’s Crime Victim’s Rights Act was enacted as a state law. In 1988, the rights of crime victims became a state constitutional right Article I, Section 24 of Michigan’s Constitution.

Over the years, there have been various amendments made to the law including naming the Act itself after State Sen. William Van Regenmorter, who was one of the most vocal champions of crime victim’s rights and original sponsor of the Act.

Under the law, a crime victim is generally defined as one who suffers direct or threatened physical, financial or emotional harm as a result of the commission of a crime. Additionally, other persons such as the spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandparent or guardian may also qualify as a victim if the victim is physically or legally unable to exercise their privileges and rights under the Act.

The law provides that the defendant is to make full restitution to any victim of the defendant’s course of conduct that gives rise to the conviction. Case law has interpreted this requirement as even including losses for uncharged crimes as long as they are related to an actual conviction for a charged crime.

At sentencing, the court is required to award restitution.

The law provides that an order of restitution remain effective until it is satisfied in full and is a judgment and lien against the property of the defendant, which can be enforced in the same manner as a judgment in a civil action or a lien.

The courts have interpreted this Act as being all encompassing and providing victims an absolute right to receive compensation for all of their losses. This was illustrated in the May 29, 2014 Michigan Supreme Court case of People v Garrison, which held that a defendant can be ordered to pay the reasonable travel expenses that victims incur while securing stolen property and attending restitution hearings, both under the Act and under Michigan’s general restitution statute.

For those who want more information there is a comprehensive Act handbook available online.
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As previously reported, the ordinance amendment defines “sexual orientation” as being heterosexual, homosexual, bisexual and whether the individual has a history of being defined as such, by orientation or practice.

“Gender identity or expression” refers to the individual’s actual or perceived gender, and the outward expression of that gender in appearance or behavior, whether it is aligned with their physical sex.

The law is designed to protect for housing, employment and public services, and makes exceptions for religious organizations. The law would be enforced by civil infraction, but only after mediation from the city manager fails.

“I feel like we’ve been working at this for a long time,” said Hamel, who expected an uphill battle in a conservative-leaning community like Fenton.

The ordinance vote brought a few public comments, most thinking the city for taking up the issue, some concerned that it was stepping on the residents’ religious beliefs.

A concerned resident asked Councilman Les Bland to bring their concerns for passing the ordinance to the council. Bland mentioned the concerns, though he supported the law himself.

“Where have you been for a month,” he said, of residents surprised at the vote happening Monday.

Councilman Brad Jacob who brought the idea of a non-discrimination ordinance to the council made the motion to pass the law, and read the text in full.

“We want everyone to feel welcome, treat people fairly, with respect,” he said. “It’s added protections that everybody in the room already enjoys.”

The council passed the law unanimously, joining at least 190 other cities in the U.S., according to Human Rights campaign.

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Genealogy discussion group to meet
The Fenton Ancestry Search Team (FAST) is a monthly genealogy study and discussion group serving genealogists at all levels in the greater Fenton area. The next FAST workshop session is this Thursday, June 12 at 7p.m. at the Transfiguration Lutheran Church, 14176 North Fenton Rd. (just north of the city limits, next to Chase Bank.) This month’s discussion topic is ‘Organizing Your Genealogy Research & Results.’

Also, feel free to bring any family research questions to our open discussion forum.

HOT LINE CONTINUED
TORREY BEACH DRIVE residents can’t afford $300 extra on taxes to fix the road. Poor material and Tavern patrons and service trucks for years ruined it. Just re-asphalt the whole corner. Road Commission would just use poor material to fix the whole road anyway. Not spending my money for that.

PREPARE TO BE dazzled with logic. Kids go to bed hungry due to not having enough food. Kids can also be overweight because cheap food, what their parents can afford, contains large amounts of fat, sugar, and salt. Vegetables, fruits and high protein meats are expensive. Food insecurity is no joke.

TO THE GUY in charge of whom ever put out the cones last weekend on the freshly painted roads: turns out we don’t all drive go-carts. Maybe next time you could leave room for the vans/trucks.

MY JOB TOOK me from North Carolina to Vietnam in ‘67 and ‘68, should I have learned the language for something to do? If you want to learn German or Chinese, be my guest. I don’t want to!

JUST WANTED TO thank all the people after I fell in the Walmart parking lot, I did break my arm in two places and will require surgery, but it will heal. Thank you for all your help.

I THINK IT’s hilarious that the unions are now crying about Obama’s billionaire west coast contributors supporting and getting him to pass this EPA bill that’s going to eliminate thousands of jobs. You elected him, you get him.
TICK

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When in the woods or other tick-prone areas, wear long pants and tuck those pants into your socks to reduce the risk of ticks crawling up your pant leg. Also, hike in the center of trails to avoid brushing up against plants on the edges, where ticks like to hang out.

Do a tick check on family members and take a shower soon after coming indoors to help wash off ticks that may not have bitten yet. If a tick is attached to your body for less than 24 hours, your chance of getting Lyme disease is very small.

Your pet can be a carrier for an infected tick

Ticks like to hang out around a dog or cat’s ears and in between the toes. Dogs are susceptible to Lyme disease, but there is a vaccine for them. It can be a hard disease to diagnose, but it can cause fever and swollen joints. If you notice changes in your dog’s behavior, take it to the veterinarian.

Source: Michigan Community Department of Health

Do you have Lyme disease?

Here’s how to recognize it:

Three to 30 days after tick bite

- Red, expanding rash called erythema migrans (EM), "bull’s eye" rash. This rash occurs in about 70 to 80 percent of infected persons, gradually expanding over a period of several days, reaching up to 12 inches across.
- Fatigue, chills, fever, headache, muscle and joint aches and swollen lymph nodes.
- Untreated, the infection may spread from the site of the bite to other parts of the body, producing specific symptoms that may come and go, including:
  - other lesions in other areas of the body,
  - facial or Bell’s palsy,
  - severe headaches and stiffness due to meningitis,
  - pain and swelling in the large joints,
  - shooting pains that may interfere with sleep,
  - heart palpitations and dizziness due to changes in heartbeat.

Five things to know about tick bites

1. Tick bites and tick-bite diseases are preventable. The only way to get a tick-transmitted disease is from a tick bite.
2. Remove a tick with pointy tweezers or between your fingers. The nymphs are as small as a poppy seed.
3. Ticks are cold-blooded. They don’t jump, fly or drop. If you find one, it likely hatched onto your foot or leg and crawled up over your entire body.
4. Ticks can even be active in winter, when the ground is not snow-covered or frozen.
5. You have at least 24 hours to find and remove a feeding tick before it transmits an infection. Lyme disease bacteria take at least 24 hours to invade the tick’s saliva.
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smartphone to take photos every day and use them as a basis for your writing or poetry. Learn a new instrument by signing up for summer classes at a local studio like A Joyful Noise.

Get fit
Team up with your friends to start a training group for a fitness challenge, whether it’s a road race, a walk for a good cause, etc. Explore local gyms and fitness studios that have summer specials and take advantage of them.

For example, CrossFit Raw Intensity in Fenton offers summer programs for kids, and most gyms welcome young people. Jazzercise in Fenton offers a free trial period for family and friends this week, through June 15, and many dance studios like Chasse Ballroom & Latin Dance Studio have Zumba programs designed for kids and older teens and adults.

You can also use apps such as Map-MyRun to track your workouts. Use an app such as Fooducate to learn about good food choices.

Develop your career
Use your spare time to develop skills that will help you in the job market later. Ask any friends’ parents who have a job that interests you if you can “interview” them about their jobs and how they got into their career field.

Volunteer
Not only will you be helping your community, but you’ll also build skills you can include on your future resume. Check with your local church or college about mission trips. Ask a local service organization if you can help them with an upcoming project. Volunteer at a local festival, such as the upcoming Fenton Freedom Festival on July 4. Perform a random act of kindness by mowing an elderly neighbor’s lawn.

Improve your finances
If you’re earning any money this summer, even with just “odd jobs,” this is a good time to learn the practices of budgeting and saving. Start by splitting your allowance or earnings into three categories: what you will save, what you will spend and what you will give. You can track your spending using an app such as Mint.

Research and apply for college scholarshipships using a website such as fastweb.com. Take a class at a community college and transfer the credits to reduce your total college tuition tab.

Enjoy the summer
Summer days are fleeting, and once you’re in the adult working world, you won’t have many opportunities to fully embrace long, endless summer days. So use your leisure time wisely — grab a book and read in a hammock, plan a picnic with friends, walk on the beach, enjoy our area lakes. Just remember to put down that smartphone once in awhile.

In this 2013 photo CrossFit Raw Intensity owner Chris Weir supervises classes and shows proper form during a Varsity class Tuesday morning.
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WHAT YOUR LEGISLATORS VOTED ON RECENTLY

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 on Friday, June 6.

House Bill 5574: Give Detroit $195 million
To appropriate $194.8 million for a gift to Detroit, which is related to a potential bankruptcy settlement. The Senate adopted the same House-passed reform conditions on the gift, except it did not adopt one banning the renewal of a 10-year regional property tax imposed to subsidize the Detroit art museum. Introduced by Rep. Thomas Stainworth, III (D). Passed 21 to 17 in the Senate State Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County) ☑ YES ☐ NO
State Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County) ☑ YES ☐ NO

House Bill 5566: Create Detroit fiscal oversight panel
To establish a Detroit fiscal management oversight commission consisting of two state department heads, five other individuals appointed by the Governor, the Mayor, and the president of the city council. Among the commission’s powers would be final approval of city budgets and larger purchases, borrowing, union contracts (except police and firefighter contracts imposed through binding arbitration), and more. The commission could waive its powers if city financial management meets specified conditions. This is related to a $195 million state grant to the city. Introduced by Rep. John Walsh (R). Passed 36 to 2 in the Senate State Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County) ☑ YES ☐ NO
State Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County) ☑ YES ☐ NO

House Bill 5568: Detroit bankruptcy grant package - pension provision
To allow Detroit to enroll new hires in a "defined benefit" pension system, and limit initial city contributions to 7 percent. However, the city (taxpayers) would potentially have to pay much more if the revised system generates new unfunded liabilities. This and related bills contain some provisions intended to reduce the underlying risk, but unlike the version originally introduced in the House does not eliminate that risk. This is part of a package granting Detroit $195 million from the state toward a possible bankruptcy settlement. Introduced by Rep. Gail Haines (R). Passed 24 to 14 in the Senate State Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County) ☑ YES ☐ NO
State Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County) ☑ YES ☐ NO

Maddie Wilson, 10, chooses a color of string to match the tiger pendant she is buying from Skylar Reynolds (left), for 50 responsibilities. Skylar sold 32 of her product to other students.

Fifth graders create micro economy, with recycled items

Economics unit at local school demonstrates complex themes, hands-on

By Tim Jagielo

Springfield Twp. — There’s a good chance that fifth-graders at Davisburg Elementary know more about economics than most adults. They would know, because they spent a great deal of time creating their own micro economy inside the school gym on Monday.

The gym was filled with 30 or so marketplace cells, tables with displays that the students made, with all the fifth-grade students participating.

Each small team had their own products to sell, the currency being “responsibills,” which they earned, and received from the “Economburg Bank and Trust.”

“They put some amazing stuff together,” said Kim Hempton, principal, Davisburg Elementary.

The fifth graders created products on Saturday night and sold them throughout the day Sunday.

Kayce Caldwell, 11, sold her pop can cars for 75 responsibills, selling 21 of them.

Mackenzie Webb, 11, jumps rope with a toy made from recycled plastic grocery bags. Christopher Froats, 10, owns the rope. He sold bird hotels made from 1 liter pop bottles. On the right is Erica Froman, 10.

Each product was complete with a tri-fold display and marketing strategy put together by the teams, and included real things students could buy.

Found, re-purposed items like jump ropes made of plastic bags, pop-can cars, recycled necklace pendants of paint swatches were sold for responsibills in cycles where one member of the team went out and bought, while the other watched the shop.

Prices were adjusted based on the market, and students even haggled a little at the booths.

“They put some amazing stuff together,” said Principal Kim Hempton.

They learned about themes of scarcity and surplus, supply and demand, inflation, and keeping up stock.

It was part of their economics unit, also tying into the green schools program with the upcycled items.
to the high rate of death in teenage drivers. Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said that while many young drivers in the Fenton area are good at wearing their seatbelts, minimizing other dangers on the road should be a top priority.

“Diverting your attention from the road for several seconds to type a text can be disastrous, do the right thing and pull over or wait until later to return the message,” Aro said. “Car crashes are a leading cause of death for teens and about a quarter involve an under age drinking driver. Simply stated, do not drink and drive!”

According to the NHTSA, more than 10,000 people died in alcohol related crashes, amounting to one person every 51 minutes. Alcohol related crashes are estimated to cost drivers $37 billion annually.

Passengers are one of the biggest distractions for teens as the Center for the Study of Young Drivers reports that teenage drivers are 15 percent more likely to engage in risky behavior when driving with two or more other teenager peers. Phones, music players and other electronic devices are another huge factor in teen driver deaths, with more than 15 percent likely to use some sort of device while driving.

So what can teenagers do to increase safety while driving? The National Safety Council recommends parents spend at least 50 hours teaching their kids how to drive. Skills like scanning the road for potential hazards should be emphasized over other skills such as parallel parking. Abstaining from texting while driving and reducing the number of passengers, especially in newer drivers, are other factors that can help reduce the possibility of an accident. “Inexperience plays a part in many of the crashes we see involving young drivers,” Aro said. “Parents can prevent their young driver from driving in unfamiliar surroundings, poor weather conditions and limiting driving to less busy hours of the day.”

Penalties for teens and any other driver caught in risky behaviors or impaired behind the wheel can be harsh. Motorists caught texting while driving are fined $100 for a first infraction and $200 for each following infraction.

Driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol can lead to a charge of Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) or Driving Under the Influence (DUI), both of which can lead to thousands of dollars in court fees, loss in drivers license and mandatory alcohol and drug testing.

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for teenagers in the U.S. In 2010, approximately 2,700 teens in the U.S. aged 16–19 were killed, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This time of year is the most dangerous for teen drivers.

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Diamond teams seasons end in regionals

Eagles soar to finals, but lose to Panthers

By David Troppens
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It seems with each season Steve Buerkel coaches the Linden varsity baseball team the program does something a little bit extra special than the season previous.

This season the Eagles did two things they haven’t done under his tenure until this year. First off, the Eagles won their first Flint Metro League crown since the 1987 season, by earning a co-title. On Saturday, the Eagles (23-9) did another. They advanced to the regional finals for the first time since the squad went to the state finals in 2004.

They earned that honor by beating Wayland Union 5-4 in the Division 2 regional semifinal contest held at DeWitt High School. Once in the finals, the Eagles were unable to continue their advancement, losing to DeWitt 14-6.

“We went one step farther,” Buerkel said. “We had an outstanding season.”

See EAGLES on 14

One bad inning hurts LF in semifinals

By David Troppens
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It was a year of championships, home runs and rain outs. The Lake Fenton varsity softball team’s season came to an end on Saturday as the Blue Devils became victim of just one bad inning, resulting in a 7-1 loss to Wayland Union in the regional semifinals at De-Witt High School.

Take away Wayland Union’s third inning and the game would’ve been tied 1-1. However, in sports teams don’t have that type of luxury, meaning the Blue Devils’ season ended with a nice 21-6 mark on Saturday.

And it also marked the end for a strong senior class which collected over 90 victories, three district titles and one regional championship during their four years at Lake Fenton.

“Our seniors had a little over 90 wins in their four years, and considering the last two years we had less than 30 games played — 26 last year and 29 this year — it doesn’t slow me down, said Little Bear.

See LF on 13

Second-ranked Romeo ends Tigers impressive 37-win season

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Romeo’s 37-win season was a season of many great memories. But it came to an end against the second-ranked Romeo Bulldogs.

Romeo broke open a tight 1-0 contest with four runs in the third inning, earning the Bulldogs an 8-0 regional semifinal victory at Hartland High School on Saturday.

The Tigers fell behind during the top of the first when Romeo scored on a single, an error and another single.

Fenton tried to respond its first inning. Ellie Cowger opened the first with a single and a steal of second base. However, that was as far as she got as the next three batters were out in order.

See TIGERS on 13

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John Lloyd
Aced the 13th hole at the state meet

RUNNER’S LOG

Wednesday Night Cross Country Races

The annual Wednesday Night Cross Country Races at Linden County Park begin June 18 at 6:30 p.m. There are races for all ages of children and adults, ranging from one-half mile to three miles. Races are every Wednesday through July 23 with the exception of July 2.

The cost is $2 a person or $5 a family.

Wings of Mercy Runway 5K

There will be a 5K run/walk at the Linden Price Airport on June 21 at 9 a.m. There will also be a one-mile fun run/walk starting at 8:30 a.m. For more information, contact the race director at wingsofmercy@kregistrar.com.

Run for Hope 5K Run/Walk & Kids Fun Run

The second-annual Run for Hope at Hope Lutheran Church in Linden is being held on July 19.

The 5K race begins at 9 a.m. and a kids 1/4 mile race will be held at 10 a.m.

Proceeds go to fun college scholarships for Linden High School students. For more information, go to www.hopeLinden.org, call (810) 735-4807 or send an email to hopeclm@gmail.com.

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Mark Bolen

(Above) Linden’s Jake Marshall (right) slides into second base during the Eagles’ regional tournament. The Eagles advanced to the regional finals, but lost to DeWitt. (Right) Lake Fenton’s Taylor Sheyachich catches a ball during a recent game. The Blue Devils lost to Wayland Union in the regional semifinals.
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It remained 1-0 until the third inning when Romeo used five hits and a walk to score four runs.
From there, the Tigers were playing catch-up. They put two runners on base in the third when Macie Kelles was hit by a pitch and Cow- ger singled, but neither run scored. In the fourth, Dori Carpenter singled and Rau-cie Siekierski was hit by a pitch, but neither scored.
Conversely, Romeo scored two more runs in the fifth and another in the sixth to earn the victory.
The Tigers’ future looks bright, as only two players graduate.

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this year — that’s pretty impressive,” Lake Fenton coach Amos Rinks said.
“We didn’t come close to max-ing out our 38 games because of the rain. Our seniors were disappointed we didn’t get all of the games in. They were a very talented group and they’ll be missed.”
The Blue Devils, who have won three straight Genesee Area Confer- ence titles, were locked in a great pitchers’ duel early on, with neither team scoring a run entering the bottom of the third. However, that’s when Wayland Union’s bats started to explode.
The Wayland Union third inning started with each of the first six bat- ters reaching base. Eventually there were two huge blows during the stan- za, a two-run home run by Bethany Teunissen and Morgan Winger’s two-run blast three batters later. Prior to those shots, Hailey Hock broke a scoreless tie with a two-run single.
“Wayland Union was a tough club from top to bottom,” Rinks said.
“They have some depth on that team and are pretty dangerous from top to bottom.”
“They had a couple of home runs against us and they were pitches out of the strike zone. They were riseballs across their nose, and they hit them out of the park. There’s nothing you can do about it. They were intended pitches and they hit two balls out of the strike zone for home runs. It was a tight ball game outside of that.”

Fenton’s Lloyd records ace at state meet
Fenton’s Dori Carpenter had one of the Tigers’ four hits against Romeo on Saturday.

By David Troppens
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The number 13 will always be a lucky number for Fenton junior golfer John Lloyd. It was at the Division I state golf meet held at Forest Akers East Golf Course at Michigan State University on Friday.
Lloyd carded a hole-in-one on the 201-yard 13th hole, dur- ing the event.
It wasn’t the first time in Lloyd’s life the number 13 was lucky for him on a golf course.
“It’s the second hole-in-one I’ve gotten,” Lloyd said. “The first one I got at 13 on the 13th hole (at Fenton Farms) and my student number was 13. (Thir- teen is my lucky number) now.”
Lloyd had a pretty respectable showing at the state meet, carding a 75-74-149 during his two 18-hole rounds, but the ace was clearly the talk of the first day.
“Word got around pretty quickly,” Lloyd said. “I was concerned because I didn’t want to have to buy drinks. I’m sorry but I’m in high school and I’m not 21, so I’m not expecting to (buy) imports.”
It’s tradition if one shoots an ace, he buys everyone’s drinks since he had of honor of shooting the hole-in-one, Lloyd didn’t see the ball sink in the hole.
“My coach (Tyler Szczepan- ski) is the one that actually told me,” Lloyd said. “It was a decent shot and I thought it was good enough that it might be on the green. Coach was looking in his range finder and he said, ‘I think it went in.’ My thought was if I get there and it is not in the hole, I’m going to be angry. I was like, ‘Better be right, coach.’”
“At first it was disbelief and then it was relief because he needed to get a couple of shots back after his previous three holes,” Szczepanski said about his reaction. “And then I laughed about it.”
Lloyd was OK with his tournament overall. His total put him eight strokes behind eventual champion Midland Dow’s Ben Roeder’s 141. He finished six strokes out of a tie for ninth. Twelve players carded a 143 or better.
“I felt I played really well and shot good scores, but I felt I left some shots out there,” Lloyd said. “I can’t complain. I just wanted to play better, but I’m sure everyone else does. I wanted to post a better score so I had a more realistic shot at the top 10. But at the end of the day, it is what it is.”
Lake Fenton’s Wesley Potts at Division 3 state meet
Wesley Potts was Lake Fent-on’s only golfer to qualify for the state meet, carding a two-day 36-hole score of 174.
He shot an 84 opening day at Grand Valley State Uni-

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The Eagles certainly did. They ended the season by sweeping four straight against Fenton and Lapeer West, helping them earn a share of the Metro League crown. After that, Linden took home the Greater Flint Tournament championship for a second straight year and then won a district crown on their home field.

“This team had so much resiliency, and when we were good, we were good,” Buerkel said. “We ended with an 11-game win streak before losing in the regional final. Every team in Division 2 loses their last game of the season except one, so to continue to win meaningful games like that and end the season with an 11-1 run is pretty nice. I’m proud of these guys.”

The Eagles had to make a comeback against the Wildcats to win in the semifinal. Tied at 1-all, the Wildcats scored two in the bottom of the second inning to take a 3-1 lead. The inning started with two walks and a bunt that left the bases loaded. A walk drove in the first run and chased starting pitcher Marshal Ryan off the mound in favor of reliever Jake Marshall. Marshall got the first batter he faced out with a strike out and then got the next with a sacrifice fly. He struck out the third batter, getting the Eagles out of the threat trailing just 3-1.

“Jake did an outstanding job, getting out of that the way he did,” Buerkel said. “He was our star of the game. He had the big hit offensively as well.”

More on that key hit later. First, came a single run by Linden in the top of the third, cutting the gap to 3-2. Ryan walked and eventually scored on Brady Sarkon’s RBI-single. The Eagles took the lead for good in the fourth inning, and that’s when Marshall came up with his key hit. With a runner already on due to an error, Kevin Bates was hit by a pitch, and a wild pitch moved the runners to second and third with two out. Marshall batted against a 1-2 count, fouling off a couple two-strike pitches before hitting a two-run single up the middle, scoring Jake Klossek and Bates. Linden led 4-3. Marshall also stole second and an error off of Sarkon’s batted ball plated Marshall, making it a 5-3 lead.

Wayland Union put together a serious threat in the bottom of the fifth. A lead-off double and RBI-single had the Linden lead cut to just 5-4 with no out, but a fielder’s choice grounder and a double play ground ball ended the threat.

The Wildcats put together one more threat in the bottom of the seventh. Wayland Union got two runners on base during the inning, but an infield fly ended the contest.

Linden scored its first run in the top of the first. Austin Buerkel reached base on a strike out that turned into a wild pitch, putting him on first. Marshall sacrificed him to second, and Buerkel took third on a wild pitch. That allowed Sarkon’s sacrifice fly to score him.

Marshall walked just three and allowed three hits in six innings of relief, earning the victory.

In the regional final against DeWitt, the Eagles broke a 2-2 tie by scoring two runs in the top of the fourth. Those runs were set up by walks to Ryan and Chris Kitch. Cameron Cook bunted them over and Petts followed with an RBI-single. Klossek then drove in the second run with a sacrifice fly. The Eagles led 4-2, but it didn’t last long. DeWitt used five hits and a Linden error to score five runs in its fourth, putting the Panthers up 8-4. Five more DeWitt runs in the fifth and one in the sixth, raised the gap to 14-4. The Eagles stayed off a mercy rule with a run in the sixth inning and another in the seventh. In the sixth, Marshall singled and scored on Kitch’s two-out double. In the seventh, Petts doubled and scored on a Bates sacrifice fly.

The Eagles’ future is bright.

“We started five juniors and two sophomores,” Steve Buerkel said. “We have no seniors who seriously contributed on the mound this year, so our pitching staff is back. They have a lot to be proud of, and a lot of the team returns.”
**WEDNESDAY SUDOKU**

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

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**DEAR DR. ROACH:** Why do heart attacks occur mostly in the morning and on Mondays? — J.V.

**ANSWER:** Your statements are quite true. Heart attacks are three times more likely in the morning than in the evening, and 15 percent to 20 percent more likely on Mondays than on other days. Nobody knows exactly why. Mornings are thought to be more likely due to several factors: increased blood pressure, an increase in cortisone and having “stickier” platelets in the morning. There are two main theories for the Monday phenomenon — the first is back-to-work stress, but recently there has been some evidence that it may be excess alcohol intake over the weekend. These are good arguments for stress reduction and avoiding excess alcohol in the first place.

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**NON-STOP**

Global action star Liam Neeson stars in NON-STOP, a suspense thriller played out at 40,000 feet in the air. During a transatlantic flight from New York City to London, U.S. Air Marshal Bill Marks (Neeson) receives a series of cryptic text messages demanding that he instruct the government to transfer $150 million into an off-shore account. Until he secures the money, a passenger on his flight will be killed every 20 minutes. NON-STOP, which reunites Neeson with UNKNOWN director Jaume Collet-Serra and producer Joel Silver, co-stars Golden Globe Award winner Julianne Moore. The StudioCanal production is also produced by Andrew Rona and Steve Richards. PG-13, 1 hr. 47 min.

**JACK RYAN: SHADOW RECRUIT**

Based on the character created by bestselling author Tom Clancy, “Jack Ryan” is a global action thriller set in the present day. This original story follows a young Jack (Chris Pine) as he uncovers a financial terrorist plot. The story follows him from 9/11, through his tour of duty in Afghanistan, which scarred him forever, and into his early days in the Financial Intelligence Unit of the modern CIA where he becomes an analyst, under the guardianship of his handler, Harper (Kevin Costner). When Ryan believes he’s uncovered a Russian plot to collapse the United States economy, he goes from being an analyst to becoming a spy and must fight to save his own life and those of countless others, while also trying to protect the thing that’s more important to him than anything, his relationship with his fiancée Cathy (Keira Knightley). PG-13, 1 hr. 45 min.

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Sealed proposals for the construction of the Saddlebrook Farms Paving SAD will be received by the City Clerk for the City of Linden, until 10 a.m., Local Time on Wednesday, June 25, 2014, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read.

Bidders shall review and comply with the Instructions to Bidders, which are incorporated by reference, and carefully review all Contract Documents, as defined in the Instructions to Bidders. Bids submitted after the exact time specified for receipt will not be considered.

The Contracts will consist of the following principal items of work and appurtenances as specified herein and shown on the Contract Drawings.

Description of Work
Pavement Removal 11,500 Syd
Cold Milling HMA 1,500 Syd
Concrete Curb & Gutter 2,600 Ft
Underdrain, 6 inch 3,000 Ft
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Pavement Removal 11,500 Syd

Copies of Plans and Specifications and Proposal Forms shall be available on or after Wednesday, June 4, 2014, at the offices of Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 555 Hulet Drive, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302-0360.

A non-refundable payment of sixty ($60.00) Dollars, CHECK ONLY payable to “Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc.” will be required for each set of Drawings and Specifications. Drawings and Specifications can be shipped by U.P.S. ground for shipping and handling charge of twenty ($20.00) Dollars, CHECK ONLY non-refundable, to Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. The Bidder is advised that to submit a bid on this project, the Bidder must have purchased a set of Plans and Specifications from Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc.

Proposals submitted by Bidders who have been debarred, suspended, or made ineligible by any Federal Agency will be rejected.

Each bidder agrees to waive any claim it has or may have against the Owner, the Architect/Engineer, and their respective employees, arising out of or in connection with the administration, evaluation, or recommendation of any bid.

Each bid proposal shall be submitted on the proposal forms provided and shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier’s check or bid bond, executed by the bidder and Surety Company, payable to the City of Linden in the amount of Five Percent (5%) of the accompanying bid. Proposal Guarantee shall provide assurance that the bidder will, upon acceptance of the bid, execute the necessary Contract with the City of Linden. No bid may be withdrawn after scheduled closing time for receiving bids for at least Sixty (60) days.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory Performance, Labor and Material, and Maintenance and Guarantee Bonds.

The City of Linden reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive irregularities in bidding.

No Proposal will be received unless made on blanks furnished and delivered to the City Clerk on or before 10 a.m., Local time, June 25, 2014.

Lynn Henry, City Clerk
City of Linden
132 E. Broad Street
Linden, MI 48451
810-735-7980

Published on the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association Website www.mitaads.com.
1. The City Council of the City of Linden, Genesee County, Michigan, has tentatively decided its intention to make the following improvements in the City of Linden:

Saddlebrook Farms Streets Improvements Project

Removal, milling and replacement of asphalt pavement; removal and replacement of select concrete curb and gutter; removal and replacement of sidewalk ramps; and construction of storm sewer improvements (and other appurtenances) from right-of-way to right-of-way along the lengths of Haystack Drive, Rockway Drive, Saddlebrook Drive, Saddlevalley Court, Sunflower Drive and Ridgewood Drive; and to assess the cost of such improvements to the lands which will be especially benefited thereby. The estimated cost of the improvements, the amount to be specially assessed, the amount to be a general obligation of the City of Linden, and the special assessment district are as follows:

- Estimated Cost: $862,350
- Amount to be assessed against lands in the special assessment district: $862,350
- Amount to be a general obligation of the City of Linden: $0

DESCRIPTIO OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

The Saddlebrook Farms Streets Improvement Project Special Assessment District shall consist of all parcels abutting the entire lengths of Haystack Drive, Rockway Drive, Saddlebrook Drive, Saddlevalley Court, Sunflower Drive, and Ridgewood Drive. All such parcels to be included in the Saddlebrook Farms Streets Improvement Project Special Assessment District are located in the City of Linden and have the following tax identification (sidwell) numbers:

21-651-001 to 21-651-129
21-651-035 to 21-651-059
21-651-060 to 21-651-092
21-651-093 to 21-651-129
21-651-130 to 21-651-187
21-651-188 to 21-651-215
21-651-216 to 21-651-285
21-651-286 to 21-651-362
21-651-363 to 21-651-408
21-651-409 to 21-651-467
21-651-468 to 21-651-540
21-651-541 to 21-651-593
21-651-594 to 21-651-641
21-651-642 to 21-651-710
21-651-711 to 21-651-817
21-651-818 to 21-651-922
21-651-923 to 21-651-999

2. Maps showing the location of the improvements and the special assessment district, plans, specifications and a cost estimate for the improvements are on file with the City Clerk for public examination.

3. The City Council will meet in the City Council Chambers located at 201 North Main Street, Linden, Michigan, on Monday, the 23rd day of June, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, to hear and consider any objections which may be submitted by any interested person with respect to making the improvements and to the assessing of part of the cost thereof to the aforesaid special assessment district.

4. If the City Council approves the making of the improvements, a special assessment may be levied against properties that benefit from the improvements. Act 186 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1973, as amended, provides that the special assessment must be protested at the hearing held for the purpose of confirming the special assessment roll before the Michigan Tax Tribunal may acquire jurisdiction of any dispute involving the special assessment. The hearing for the purpose of confirming the special assessment roll will be held, if at all, at some time in the future pursuant to notice given as required by law. Appearance and protest at such hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner of or party in interest in property to be assessed, or his or her agent, may appear in person to protest the special assessment. Confederate the special assessment by letter filed with the City Clerk at or prior to the time of the hearing, in which case appearance in person is not required.

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John S. Sanborn 1940-2014
John S. Sanborn - age 74, of Gaines, died June 8, 2014. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Thursday, June 12, 2014 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Visitation will be held 2-6 PM Wednesday. John was born February 4, 1940 in Flint. He was the son of Robert and Marguerite (Minter) Sanborn. He was an active member of the Linden Lions Club and retired from General Motors. Surviving are: wife, Zaida; children, Daniel, and Craig Anthony; grandchildren, Jacob and Ryan Maser, and friends. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Surviving are: husband, Jack. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Hazel Agnes Culton 1923-2014
Hazel Agnes Culton - age 91, of Fenton, died June 6, 2014. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Friday, June 13, 2014 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. Visitation will be held from 10 AM until the time of Mass. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Surviving are: children, Dennis Culton, Janice (David) Lukin; grandchildren, Cathy, (John) Tremaine, Laura (Chan) Fromwiller, Tony (Anne) Lukin; 11 great-grandchildren; brother, Arnold Oyen; sister, Ruth Estabrooke. She was preceded in death by her parents. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Mary Sue Lutz 1944-2014
Mary Sue Lutz - age 69, of Fenton, passed away Monday, June 9, 2014. Services will be held 11:30 AM Thursday, June 12, 2014 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, Fenton. Burial immediately follow- ing at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Visitation will be held at the fu- neral home Thursday from 10:30 AM until the time of service. Those desiring may make contributions to Genesys Hospice or the American Lung As- sociation. Mary Sue was born November 17, 1944 in Shreveport, LA, the daughter of Henry and Vieve (Davis) Blum. She married Max G. Lutz July 15, 1962 in Las Vegas, NV. She had resided in Fenton since 2000 coming from North Carolina. Mary Sue was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and sister and had a great sense of humor. The family wishes to express special thanks to the staff at Genesys Hospice for the special care given to Mary Sue. Surviving are: husband, Max; daughter, Rhonda Michelle and husband, Mark Davis and their chil- dren, Taylor and Skylar of Weatherly, PA; sister, Joanne Fulbright of Texas; son, Craig Anthony and his children, Max and Wyatt of Grand Blanc; step-daughter, Nicole and husband Tim Van- nordstrand and their son, Aiden of Iowa; niece, Vickie David; and nephew, Steven Moore. She was preceded in death by her parents. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Donald Lewis Frownfelter 1935-2014
Donald Lewis Frownfelter - age 82, of Holly MI passed away Thursday, June 5, 2014 at his home. Donald was born in Prescott, AZ to parents Edgar and Net- lie (Clark) Frownfelter and moved to Holly at the age of 17. Donald became the young- est Principal in Oakland County at the age of 24. He dedicated his life to educating children as Principal of the Davisonburg and Patterson Elementa- ry Schools, in the Holly Area School District for 36 years. His creative and innovative ideas motivated students, staff and parents to achieve and grow through individualized instruction and exposure to Art, Music and the ex- citements of Learning. Donald is survived by his son Kirk (Bonnie) Frownfelter, Janine (Jerry) VanSickle, Craig (Cara) Frownfelter, Mark (Sheri) Frownfelter, 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; sister Norine (Jack) Daly; and special friend Susan Reichle. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Merrill Frownfelter; and sister Florence Latimer. In keeping with his passion for educat- ing... Donald has made an Anatomical Donation to the University of Michigan Medical School for re- search, teaching aspiring young doctors, in perpetuity. Condolences may be left on-line at www.hilfh.com. "Eighty two, Wracked by time, “Eighty two, Wracked by time, "Eighty two, Wracked by time..."Surviving are: husband, Nicole and husband Tim Van- nordstrand and their son, Aiden of Iowa; niece, Vickie David; and nephew, Steven Moore. She was preceded in death by her parents. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Connie Jean Riddell 1935-2014
Connie Jean Riddell - lived 79 joyful years in Michi- gan, Rhode Island, Texas, New Jer- sey and Florida. She last resided in Elk Rapids, Michi- gan and Florida. Her adult life was filled with the joys of being a US Navy wife, a loving mom, an elected official, a published author, a dedicated farmer, an avid recreation- al boater, an active quilter and founder of the Elk Rapids (MI) First Presbyte- rian Church Stephen Min- isty. Connie also served as a Deacon and an Elder at the church. Connie passed away on May 31, 2014. She was born on February 14, 1935 in Battle Creek, Michigan and at- tended Battle Creek High School, General Motors. Surviving are: husband, George; two sons, George Riddell Jr. (Jody) of Seattle, WA and Mark Riddell of Onaway, MI, and one grandson. Connie was born in Battle Creek, Michigan. She was predeceased by her father William David Crawford (1999) and mother Adele Crawford (2006) of Battle Creek, Michigan, and her sister Sherry (Crawford) Hennerman (1970). Memorial services in Michigan and Florida are pending at this time.

Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriams

**Linden Community Schools**

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2014-2015 BUDGET**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on June 18, 2014 at 6:15 p.m. at the Linden High School Media Center, 7205 W. Silver Lake Road, Linden, Michigan, the Board of Education of Linden Community Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the District’s proposed 2014-2015 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2014-2015 budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2014-2015 budget including the proposed tax millage rate is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Linden Community Schools Administration Building, 7205 W. Silver Lake Road, Linden, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the pro- posed budget will be subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Steve M. Murphy, Secretary

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