Are toll roads a feasible option for Michigan?

Other states have seen success with easing traffic and generating revenue

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When traveling into Ohio or Pennsylvania,

the highways are usually in better condition and the rest stops are nicer.

Unlike Michigan, those states have toll roads

Why doesn't Michigan have any?

Toll roads have been proven to be safer, help pay construction costs, and

ease traffic, according to the International Bridge, Tunnel, and Turnpike Association.

The biggest toll roads also make billions in revenue.

According to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), Michigan has

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Michigan does not have toll roads because for decades they were not needed. However, they might be a more attractive option in the future.

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Members of local Boy Scout troops carry an American Flag along the Fenton Memorial Day Parade route on Monday, turning toward Oakwood Cemetery. The Scouts carry the flag every year, drawing salutes as they walk.

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Tubbs false pretenses trial set for October

Former Fenton real estate agent also faces August trial for larceny by conversion

By Vera Hogan

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Thomas (Tommy) Tubbs, 45, of Grand Blanc, the former Fenton real

estate agent accused of real estate fraud, was bound over to Genesee County Circuit Court on May 6.

Tubbs posted a \$100,000 cash/surety bond the same day.

According to Genesee County Circuit Court records, the prosecution on May 16 filed a demand for mandatory disclosure by the defense attorney.

On May 23, a jury trial was scheduled to take place on Oct. 18 at 1:30 p.m.

Tubbs, who worked for Century 21 Woodland (formerly Century 21 ParkPlace) in Fenton, has been

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Planning Commission approves taco stand, speakeasy

Original approved plan from 2015 called for barber shop

By Vera Hogan

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The Fenton Planning Commission has approved the revised parking and site plan for the Mill Street property that will house a new take-out taco stand and speakeasy.

The speakeasy will be hidden in the back like the "blind pig" taverns during the Prohibition years.

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LEI love the public art pieces in downtown. Great

Thomas Tubbs



lowntown. Great job DDA. Don't let the negative comments discourage you. The downtown looks awesome."

66 Hey, Tri-County

Times, could you



please put a detailed map in the paper of where this bike trail is going to be?"



to the Japanese that Obama does not speak for all Americans. They should listen to the memories of those people who were at Pearl Harbor when Japan started WWII with us.

Keeping our 'best friends' cool this summer

■If you're uncomfortable, so are your pets

By Vera Hogan

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The past couple of weeks have been somewhat miserable for those who don't fare well in hot, humid weather, and it doesn't look like it's going to get better any time soon since the official start of summer is still two weeks away.

Being outside for any length of time can be very uncomfortable for many people, with clothing becoming damp and clingy, hair wet at the nape of your neck, sweat running down their temples and a general feeling of tiredness and lethargy.

Imagine how dogs feel.

There are some things dog owners can do to keep their pooch comfortable during the hot summer months and prevent heat stroke.

First, keep pets with predisposing conditions like heart disease, obesity, older age, or breathing problems cool and in the shade. Even normal activity for these pets can be harmful.

Provide access to water at all times.

Do not leave your pet in a hot, parked car, even if you're in the shade or plan to be gone for a short time. The temperature inside a parked car can quickly reach up to 140 degrees.

Make sure outside dogs have access to shade.

On a hot day, restrict exercise and don't take your dog running with you. Too much exercise when the weather is very hot can be dangerous.

Do not muzzle your dog.

Avoid places like the beach, and especially concrete or asphalt areas where heat is reflected and there

is no access to shade. Wetting down your dog with cool water or al-

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lowing him to swim can help maintain a normal body temperature.

Move your dog to a cool area of the house. Air conditioning is one of the best ways to keep a dog cool, but it is not always dependable.

To provide a cooler environment, freeze water in soda bottles, or place ice and a small amount of water in several resealable food storage bags, and then wrap them in a towel or tube sock. Place them on the floor for your dog to lay on.

According to drsfostersmith. com, symptoms of heat stroke in a dog are:

- Increased heart rate
- Excessive panting
 - Increased salivation • Bright red tongue
 - Thick, sticky sa-
 - Depression
 - Weakness
 - Dizziness
 - Vomiting (sometimes with blood)
 - Diarrhea As heatstroke progresses, it can cause sei-

zures, coma, cardiac arrest, and death.

If your dog displays any of these symptoms, remove him from the hot area immediately.

While transporting him immediately to your veterinarian, lower his temperature by placing cool, wet towels over the back of the neck, under the forelimbs, and in the groin area.

Be careful, however, as using very cold water can actually be counterproductive. Cooling too quickly and especially allowing his body temperature to become too low can cause other life-threatening medical conditions.

If possible, increase air movement around him with a fan.

The rectal temperature should be checked every five minutes. Once the body temperature is 103 degrees Fahrenheit, the cooling measures should be stopped and your dog should be dried thoroughly and covered so he does not continue to lose heat.

Even if your dog appears to be recovering, take him to your veterinarian as soon as possible. He should still be examined since he may be dehydrated or have other complications.

Allow free access to water if your dog can drink on his own. Do not try to force-feed cold water as he may inhale it and could choke.



Memorial Day 2016 memories









TRI-COUNTY TIMES I HANNAH BALL (Above) Denise Weeg, Sue Smith, and Donna Mitch, all residents of Linden, sign the Patriot Wall in downtown Linden on Memorial Day 2016. Throughout the day, the wall, created by the Linden Arts Council in conjunction with the Linden VFW and American Legion, provided a way for residents to show support of veterans, writing encouraging messages like "keeping you in my prayers" and "thank you for your service." The Patriot Wall will be up for another day or two, according to Linden Arts Council President Sue Turpen. and the VFW will decide which unit in the Middle East to send it to.













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Symptoms may include pain, swelling, restlessness,

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burning, itching, fatigue of the legs as well as skin damage. Learn more about vein disease

The Memorial Day parade began at 10 a.m., starting at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center with the Fenton High School marching band providing the beat. The parade included local Boy Scout and Cub Scout troops and a stop at Freedom Park on Shiawassee Avenue for a wreath laying. The parade culminated into a ceremony at Oakwood Cemetery. Speakers read, "In Flanders Fields," "Come to My Grave," and "The Gettysburg Address." Eagle Scout Jon-Claude Howd played "Taps," following the 21-gun salute.

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

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Words of wisdom

olitics and politicians are the poison, not the antidote. • So, if I lie to the government it is a felony. But when they lie to us it is just 'politics.'

- The road to being old and wise starts with being young and stupid.
- When a woman loudly exclaims 'WHAT?' it isn't because she didn't hear you. She is giving you a chance to change what you said.
- It is not just what we do, but what we don't do. for which we will be accountable to God one day.
- Some people are so naïve that they still believe that news anchors are reporters, not actors.



• There are two types of men in the world. The ones who admit that they pee in the shower, and dirty stinking

- It's hard to pretend to love someone when you don't. But it's harder to pretend you don't love someone when you do.
- In government, often the biggest lies are composed of silence.
- If you want the best seat in my house, you'll have to move the dog.
- Never do anything half-assed. Whatever you do, do it full-assed.
- What? No one hates you? Then you are doing something wrong, or doing nothing.
- Think once before you act, twice before you speak, and three times before you post on Facebook.
- If God is your co-pilot, switch seats.
- The world will not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who watch them without doing anything.
- Before you diagnose yourself with depression, lack of confidence or low self-esteem, first make sure you haven't surrounded yourself with @\$\$holes.
- The problem with the world is that intelligent people are full of doubt, while the stupid ones are full of confidence.

• Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that did not commit suicide.

• You have enemies? Good. That means

you've actually stood up for something, sometime in your life.

• Wow. This is the vou act, day I realized that the word 'bed' actually looks like a bed. you speak,

 If life gives you and three lemons, make lemonade... then try to find somebody whose life has given them vodka.

Facebook.77 The words that come out of your mouth should have three

Is it necessary? • If you are not poor enough to accept charity, then you are rich enough to give

gatekeepers: 1) Is it true. 2) Is it kind? 3)

- **Definition of a hero:** Someone who does what has to be done regardless of the circumstances.
- When you fall, I will be there to catch you. Signed, the floor.

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TO THOSE WHO live on back roads in Fenton Township. I hope that you are as unhappy as I am about the chloride (or lack of) they put on our roads. I hope you all call Fenton Township to let them know.

TO THE GROWN man in the minivan driving on LeRoy who flipped off six toddlers and myself as they waved to the people in the cars. You must have a miserable life. Thanks to all the people who do wave and honk. They love it.

EDMOND BURKE SAID, 'All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.' Memorial Day is the day to remember those who did something, and gave their lives so that we may be free.' Thank you vets.

TO SET THE record straight, Obama inherited a stable, secure Iraq in the process of developing an inclusive democracy. It was his foreign policy that destabilized Iraq. Surrender is not a legitimate foreign policy.

HISTORY WILL SHOW that Barack Obama was, and is, a true patriot who was not afraid to do the right thing regardless of what the media and critics say.

WITHOUT THE SECOND amendment, there would be no first amendment. If we lose the second, then the first will be gone quickly after that. We live in the most free society in the world. Embrace it; don't be willing to give it up.

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HOW GREAT TO see the continued service Drew Shapiro does in our community. The third scholarship event and Silver Lake cleanup on the same day, thank you. You set a wonderful example for all. Wish all public officials would follow suit.

THE NAIL SALONS need to get proper ventilation. The fumes in there on a hot day could make you sick. Should the city building inspector look

THANK YOU TO the person who commented about free stuff for service members. It reminded me of the locker I was provided to live from, the three or four uniforms I was provided for free, which I worked 16 to 20 hour days six days a week for, and the medical. Let's not forget the great free food we got, too. Thanks, obviously you never

NOW THAT MY kids are teens and having friends over I need a bigger parking area at my home. Maybe the city will pay for it.

PEOPLE FROM FENTON amaze me. They are upset because non-elected business people push an agenda that benefits them and their business rather than the public. Where is the protest now?

I'M GUESSING BONNIE Mathis would feel differently if Lake Ponemah's trailer park was by her home on Lake Fenton. What's that old saying 'not in my backyard.'

WHAT BRILLIANT MINDS in Holly put a new auto parts store right next to another one? It's ridiculous. It will be a race to see which building is empty first. Shame.

WANT TO KNOW how to fix a problem in America? Do it yourself. Don't expect anyone else to do it for you.

LET ME HELP one of the fast-food workers out. The operative word is 'out.' Fast-food jobs are, and should be, a stepping stone to something greater. The low salary is a message — move out.

IF THE 'BLACK Lives Matters' movement truly cared about black lives, they'd be in Detroit demanding teachers get back in the classrooms and demanding justice for the babies being murdered by thugs.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

Compiled by Grant Cislo, intern

What is your favorite National Park, or one you would like to visit?



"Somewhere in the U.P. I have been there and I love the U.P. I would like to visit Isle Royale."



"I have visited almost all of them: I like to camp. I like Baraga, the one in the U.P."



Outdoor Project Season

"Hopefully going to see the Sleeping Bear Dunes this summer. There is a lot to see in Michigan."



"Sleeping Bear Dunes. It's fun. I like to take the grandkids and great grandkids."

streettalk



"I go to a lot of the parks all over the country, including ones in Michigan. My favorite is Yosemite, but it's not in Michigan."

-Maureen Fermovle Holly

-Pat Klosky Holly

-Shirley Althoff Holly -Alex Zeid Fenton -Ernie Hlinsky Fenton



The Good Samaritan and the law

There is a biblical story from the Book of Luke, which describes a traveler who was attacked and severely beaten by robbers and then left to die on the road.

Two men passed him by but a third stopped and helped him and saved his life. The story is commonly called the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

This concept of helping continues to be a part of our traditions and the law encourages such help in the form of what are generally called 'Good Samaritan' laws.

Michigan, as well as all other states, have Good Samaritan laws that allow people to help others who have been injured to render assistance without fear of civil legal consequences as long as the assistance is not grossly negligent.

In the area of the criminal law, two statutes have been recently amended, in a 'Good Samaritan' sort of way, with the first being in 2012 to Michigan's underage drinking law. The statute now allows immunity from prosecution for a minor who accompanies another minor who has consumed alcohol to a health facility or agency for treatment or observation as a result of the consumption. The law also provides immunity for a consuming minor who similarly presents himself or herself.

The second law was amended effective March 15, 2016 providing immunity from prosecution to those under 21 years old who seek medical assistance for themselves or another for a drug overdose from a prescription drug.

This second statute was amended in response to the Jan. 1, 2015 prescription drug overdose death of Mason Mizwicki of Watervliet at a New Year's Eve party. His friends were afraid to call the police for fear of getting themselves into trouble.

These statutes have been shown to be working and, as a result, two new bills (House Bills 5649 and 5650) were passed on May 26 by the Michigan House greatly expanding the immunities including making them applicable to all controlled substances and eliminating the age restrictions. The bills are now in the Senate awaiting its consideration.

Coming to the aid of others or helping yourself is a very worthy goal and the law should always continue to promote this end.



TRIAL SET

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charged with taking money under false pretenses, according to court records. He was originally arrested on Aug. 26, 2015.

Investigators with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office claim Tubbs collected \$150,000 from an Atlas Township couple for a real estate transaction, but kept the money for himself.

During a press conference in March, Genesee County Sheriff Robert Pickell said, "He does not have a drug problem. It doesn't appear that he has an alcohol problem. He just uses it to live on. He drives nice cars, lives with his parents.

"The purchase was never completed and they never closed on the residence,"

he added. "The residence was eventually purchased by another investment firm.

Tubbs has been charged previously with similar crimes. In 2014, he was charged for allegedly taking \$114,000 in Fenton Township.

In February of 2015, Tubbs was charged with larceny by conversion. He posted bond and a jury trial is set to begin at 9 a.m. on Aug. 16.

Tubbs faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted.

Pickell added, "Here we have a case at least a year old, and it's not even out of the district yet, and he's out there doing the same thing."

"Call it false pretenses, call it whatever you want, they're scams," Pickell said.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

ANYWHERE IN FENTON, you are required to have a certain number of parking spots based on the capacity of the business and what it's zoned for. All these rules and regulations get thrown out the window when you go downtown. You can build whatever you want wherever you want.

I DON'T GET why people are saying that Trump will start a bunch of wars. The president cannot declare war. These people are ignorant to how the system works.

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The couple always trained for

Janet Ruggirello of Fenton pushes her husband, Mike, on Silver Parkway on Saturday, May 21. The couple always trained for the Crim Festival of Races together, and despite Mike suffering a massive stroke in December, Janet still trains with him, running and walking him along the sidewalk. "He is learning how to walk and talk and everything all over again," she said.

■Despite husband's stroke, couple training for Crim

By Sally Rummel

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Janet Ruggirello, 61, is literally running for her life, while trying to save her husband Mike after he suffered a debilitating stroke last December.

Janet began running 10 years ago when she trained for the 10-mile in the CrimFit Adult Training program. Hooked on the sport, she started running all year long and in 2007, did her first 26.3-mile marathon in Jacksonville, Florida. "I was miserable, but I finished."

Mike, 62, physically fit from a long career with the U.S. Air Force, ran the 10-mile Crim with-



AT TCTIMES.COM WITH THIS STORY out ever training, and then began running with Janet in Greece, Rome, California and other beautiful places.

However, running took on a different meaning and urgency in December 2015, when Mike's stroke left him clinging to life with only a 50-50 chance of survival.

"They didn't give Mike a very

good prognosis," said Janet. He had a brain hemorrhage and the stroke had a major effect on his left side, affecting his speech, swallowing, continence and mobility.

After two months in ICU at Hurley and 10 weeks of rehabilitation at Caretel Inns of Linden, doctors suggested she put Mike in a long-term care skilled nursing center. "I knew I could take better care of him at home," said Janet, a retired Hurley cardiac nurse.

Now you'll find Janet on the sidewalk of Silver Parkway in Fenton, running and walking for both of them, weather permitting, while she pushes Mike in his wheelchair. "My goal is to stay healthy and fit so I can take care of him," said Janet. "It's doing both of us some good to get outside in the fresh air."

Janet also leads a Crim training group every Tuesday night in Flint, while a caregiver comes to their apartment each

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELO Mike and Janet Ruggirello of Fenton are rebuilding their life after Mike suffered a massive stroke in December. He can speak occasionally, and is aware of his surroundings, but otherwise has to learn how to walk, talk and even swallow food again.

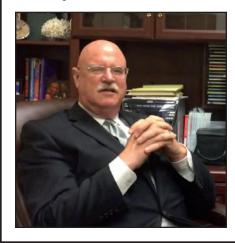
Why virtual bariatric surgery is better

This is the best long term weight loss option

Bariatric surgery seems like the perfect solution. And it might be, if it weren't for the failure rate. Importantly, according to an NIH study, lapband surgery only has a 65 percent success rate.

Side effects are the problem. According to Pharmacy Times, approximately 40 percent of bariatric patients develop "Dumping Syndrome." During or immediately after a meal, patients report nausea, bloating, cramping, diarrhea, dizziness and then vomiting.

Other problems include fecal incon-



tinence. More than a third develop gallstones. Alarmingly, according to the New York Times, one study calculated suicide rates for patients at five times more than normal.

Virtual Bariatric Surgery, is different. Clients go into hypnotic trance and have imaginary bariatric surgery. Once out of trance, they eat like they've had the surgery, but with zero side effects. And the cost is tiny by comparison to the real surgery. But insurance does not cover it. The great news is this: It has a 74 percent success rate.

Dr. Tomlinson, certified in the procedure, believes hypnosis allows clients to do more. Weight problems are psychological. As such, his eight- week program helps clients with the deep-seated issues that keep clients from losing weight.

Diets fail due to defiance. If we're told we have to - we don't want to. If told we can't, we want it more. Tomlinson Medical Hypnotherapy does it differently: Biochemically, bodies make extra fat four ways. When clients stop, they can easily lose 1-2 pounds per week.

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Diets only work on the outside. But all the scientific research shows that what goes on in your mind is far more determinate in your ultimate success than what you eat. Remember, it's much easier to change your mind and have that change your body than to try and change your body and hope that it changes your mind.



HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO ALL HOLLY Village residents, I beg you to vote out the village idiots on Council in November and replace them with people who will undo this 'road diet.' I'm in Rose Township, so I don't get a vote, otherwise I'd be running myself. Don't take this lying down.

SOCIALIZED MEDICINE PROVIDES

all citizens with basic healthcare, and then people can buy up from there (private hospital room, etc.) The only developed nations in the world without socialized medicine are a few stilltroubled Balkan states, the Soviet-style autocracy of Belarus, and the USA. We can do better.

WHAT MANY PEOPLE have learned is that the USA has a system that combines capitalism and socialism. Components of our society that are socialized include public education, Medicaid and Medicare, Social Security, our highway infrastructure. These elements are 'owned' and controlled by the government for the benefit of all.

THE REST OF the world is appalled and worried that the USA has a presidential candidate who is racist, narcissistic, sexist, and talking about using nuclear weapons. As an American, I am embarrassed. Trump is ignorant, crude, and obnoxious. Please don't let him represent us.

AND HOW DO we know the majority of city residents support tearing down the old house in Dibbleville? There was no vote, so there is no way to know that. I have not spoken to anyone who supports it. If the DDA truly cared what the community wanted, they would have suggested a vote.

TRUE HEROES WEAR dog tags, not capes. Thank you for your service.

SO, PAUL RYAN won't endorse Trump because he wants him to scale back on some of his ideas. Who made him 'King of the Hill?' Trump is saying and wanting to do what American people want to be done. Mr. Ryan, maybe you need to step down and step out if you don't recognize the problems of this world.

THE TRANSGENDER BATHROOM/

school shower issue should be voted on by the community. No one (including the President of the United States) should be able to dictate what policy should be.

PLEASE, DRIVERS WHO think Petts

Road is a raceway, the speed limit is 35. This is a residential street with many little kids. Please obey the speed limit. Thank you.

THANK YOU WALMART for supplying funds, supplies, and volunteers for the flag placement and retrieval at Great Lakes National Cemetery in honor of our fallen veterans.

HEY BONNIE, THAT'S not a garden, it's a medical marijuana grow house.

LIBERAL LOGIC, BYSTANDER sees

five-alarm fire and comments 'Wow, that's a big fire.' Bystander inspires arsonists, therefore bystander is the cause of fire. Attack and vilify bystander. And always accuse bystander of being a racist.

'GET OVER IT already' to all of us protesting the demolition of Fenton history. Undoubtedly from a member of the DDA. The Fenton City Council needs to abolish the DDA.

SILVER LAKE ROAD cannot open too soon for us on North LeRoy. The huge number of large trucks and double tandem gravel haulers being rerouted is shaking our homes to pieces.

June is a great month to buy that ...





■ Retailers are gearing up for summer sales, discounts

By Vera Hogan

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Hurray, it's June 1 and summer is just around the corner.

This month shoppers will find great deals centered around both Father's Day and summer, as well as wedding season, graduations and more.

Power tools

Just in time for Father's Day comes savings on power tools. Keep an eye out for fliers advertising limited-time store specials. These deals will occur leading up to Father's Day as retailers try to win your dollar.

Gym memberships and fitness apparel

Fitness experts say summer is not the best time for gym membership simply because more people would rather be outdoors. Apparel, accessories, and shoes for outdoor exercise is typically offered at a discount, discounts can range from 50 percent or more.

Dishes and silverware

During wedding and graduation season retailers leverage all those newlyweds and fresh grads making homes for themselves via enticing promotions. Watch for advertisements, newspaper fliers and social media announcements for markdowns.

Strategic travel

Although summer is one of the most popular times to travel, it doesn't mean there aren't deals to be had. You just have to be strategic about your destination. For example, a vacation to Florida will usually be cheaper in June. It's hotter, but you will save on lodging, airfare, and some entertainment activities. Cruises and vacation packages also are offered at huge discounts this month, as June is considered the beginning of hurricane season.

Dairy

June is National Dairy Month, and to celebrate, dairy manufacturers are pushing their goods big time. This month you'll notice an uptick in sales and coupons on yogurt, cheeses, ice cream and more.

Now is the time to stack up on coupons with in-store specials, which means you'll get a discount on already discounted goods. Now may be the time to stock up on dairy items that freeze well.

Restaurants

In an attempt to get families in their doors for Father's Day, many restaurants will offer enticing specials on June 19. For example, look for free entrees or dessert specials and menu items that give you more bang for your buck.

Lingerie

Major lingerie retailers host some of their biggest sales during the month of

Boots, gloves, and other winter gear

With summer's hot days and warm nights, it's time to put away the winter wardrobe. If you are in the market for good winter gear for the next season, June is an ideal time to find great prices and closeouts on cold weather gear.

WHAT NOT TO BUY IN JUNE A new laptop

Even though school just got out and graduation season is still in full swing, you should not take the bait on those early back-to-school offers for laptops. Those deals will be around all summer, and the best prices will come later in the season right before school starts back.

Business Insider reports that Apple holds its annual developers conference in June, and with the meeting of the computer giant's minds will come an impending announcement of new products. If you purchase this month, you will be just behind the trend when new Apple gadgets are released in the fall.

Convertibles

Many people assume the hot, sunny weather will stick around and that a convertible is just the right vehicle for their needs. But winter will be back. Be careful not to make an impulse purchase of a summer-ready product that won't be as useful or desirable when the seasons change. You will also get better deals on convertibles in the cooler months when dealers have a more difficult time pushing them off their snowy lots.

Sources: Aol.com; smartasset.com



Sports

Eagles soar to fourth straight Flint title

■ Shore's pitching, Bates' bat leads Linden to 3-0 win vs. Lapeer

By David Troppens

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Linden varsity baseball coach Steve Buerkel said some of the organizers joked about changing the name of the Tom Cole Greater Flint Baseball Tournament to the Linden Invitational on Monday.

Maybe they weren't joking. The Eagles became the first team to win their division of the Greater Flint Baseball Tournament four seasons in a row when Linden captured a 3-0 victory against Lapeer on Memorial Day at Flint's Broome Park. Jack Shore was his typically sharp self, tossing a seven-inning sixhit shutout on the mound while Kevin Bates drove

in all three runs at the plate, leading Linden to the win.

"It's surreal in a lot of ways," Buerkel said. "I'm very appreciative and very respectful of that tournament. It's tough to win because you are playing games during the season around this tournament and you have to be able to manage this tournament. To win four in a row — that's never been done before. We were tickled to win it once. To win it twice was unbelievable and now to get it three and four times in a row is big for the program. It's big for the kids and coaches and our confidence."

Linden (23-8) took a 2-0 lead in the top of the second and never lost control of the game from that point. With two out, Jamon Link reached base on an error as did

Sawyer Benge, putting two runners on base. Kevin Bates responded with a two-run double, scoring

pinch runner Jakub Gagne

and Benge. Linden led 2-0. That was all the offensive support Shore needed. Shore took just 72 pitches to toss the complete-game victory. He did it by throwing strikes. Fifty-nine of his pitches were strikes, and he threw first-pitch strikes to 21 of the 24 batters he faced during the contest.

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(Top) Linden's Brendan Buerkel (right) tries to slide into a base during the Eagles' 3-0 Greater Flint Tournament Championship victory against Lapeer on Monday. (Immediately above) The Eagles celebrate winning the trophy for the fourth straight season.

Blue Devils edge North Branch, win D2 Greater Flint crown

By David Troppens

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While most teams had Monday off, the Lake Fenton varsity baseball team was earning some hardware.

The Blue Devils (11-16) captured their division of the Greater Flint Baseball Tournament by defeating North Branch 5-4 at Flint's Broome Park on Monday.

"Winning this tournament meant a lot to our team, we have been so close in the past few years that it felt great to bring a trophy back to Lake Fenton," Lake Fen-

ton varsity baseball coach Brad LaRowe said. "This is our first Greater Flint Championship since 1998. It is also a great building block heading into District play this week."

Lake Fenton's Joey Reitano tossed a four-hitter, leading the Blue Devils to the victory. He struck out one batter over seven innings.

"Joey did a great job last night with keeping the North Branch hitters off balance with his great breaking ball and spotting the fastball," LaRowe said. "He has



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The Lake Fenton varsity baseball team celebrates winning the Division 2 version of the Tom Cole Greater Flint Baseball Tournament, seconds after beating North Branch 5-4.

pitched so well for us this season."

All the game's scoring happened in the second and third innings. North Branch took the early 1-0 lead with a run in the second.

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Holly tennis enjoys five ranked flights for state meet

By David Troppens

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If seedings are any indication, the Holly varsity girls tennis team should be poised for a pretty strong state meet at their home courts.

The Bronchos have five seeded flights entering the event which starts on Friday and continues through Saturday.

All four Holly doubles flights are seeded, but none any higher than the No. 4 team of Jenna Pepper and Sami Hild, who are ranked second. Megan Lesperance and Nichole Johnson are ranked third at No. 3 doubles.

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Linden's Maddie Nelson took fourth place in the high jump during the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association Team State Championship meet.

Linden girls track places eighth at MITCA team state meet

Frederick leads squad with strong hurdle performances

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity girls track team was given a chance to compete in the Division 2 Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association (MITCA)

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Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association (MITCA) Team State Championship meet on their own home track on Friday, and came away from the meet with some pretty impressive efforts.

The Eagles placed eighth out of 11 teams in what is considered by some the unofficial team state meet for the state of Michigan, earning 11 individual top-10 efforts, including one first

Alia Frederick continued her outstanding season by taking first in the 300 meter hurdles, capturing the top spot with a time of 47.34 seconds. She finished almost a second better than second-place finisher Hamilton's Jennica Schaffer, who recorded a time of 48.27 seconds. Frederick also finished second in the 100 hurdles, posting a time of 16.30 seconds. The hurdle events ended up being the Eagles' top two individual events, earning two top-10 performers in each. Taylor Acox also finished in the top 10 of both competitions, taking seventh in the 300 hurdles (49.99) and ninth in the 100 hurdles

(17.52)

Taylor Ganger also had a strong showing at the meet. Ganger, a senior, took second in the 3,200 run (11:49.63) and seventh in the 1,600 run (5:32.63).

The other individuals earning top-10 performances were: Jordanah Martinsen, ninth in the 100 dash (13.55); Jessica Daul, 10th in the shot put (33-4 ½); Maddie Nelson, fourth in the high jump (4-6); McKenzie Haubenstricker, eighth in the pole vault (7-6); and Lauren O'Brien, ninth in the pole vault (7-6).

Linden's best relay performance was recorded by the 800 relay team.

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Linden softball wins Ogemaw Tournament

By David Troppens

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The Linden varsity softball team has never won the Ogemaw Heights Tournament in the first six years the squad played in it.

The seventh time ended up being the charm.

Linden defeated Tawas, Ogemaw Heights and Gladwin to capture the tourney title for the first time ever on Saturday. The Eagles (24-10) crushed a 27-9 Gladwin squad in the finals, defeating them 13-3 in five innings in the final. Ashley Bertschey made sure the tourney title was official by blasting a three-run home run in the bottom of the fifth.

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The Linden varsity softball team won the Ogemaw Heights Tournament for the first time on Saturday, defeating Gladwin 13-3 in the final contest.

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Area track squads prepare for state meet When the state track meets

are held on Saturday, the tricounty area schools will have their share of participants at the events.

Fenton and Holly athletes will be heading to Hudsonville High School for the Division 1 state track meet on Saturday, while Lake Fenton and Linden athletes will compete at Zeeland High School in the Division 2 meet.

The area athlete with the best chance to place high is Fenton's Jacob Lee. Lee is the top seed in the 3,200 meter run with his time of 9:16.90 at the regional meet.



Linden's Ryan Young

sports briefs

FENTON GIRLS SOCCER DEFEATS LAKE ORION, 4-1

▶ Bri Costigan had three assists and broke the season assist record for Fenton in the Tigers' 4-1 victory. Costigan assisted two goals by Chloee Foor and one by Eryn Isaacson. Foor also assisted a Sophie Crews goal.

FENTON BASEBALL SPLITS TWINBILL VERSUS GABRIEL RICHARD

▶ Fenton defeated Gabriel Richard 13-2 in the opening game, but lost the second contest 6-3. In the opening game John Leaske had three hits and two RBI, while Chase Coselman had two doubles and three RBI. Tanner Tallman also had two hits. Jared Ryan had a hit and three RBI while Troy Smigielski and John Gillman had a hit and two RBI each. Leaske was the winning pitcher, tossing a six-hitter over six innings. He struck out two and walked none.

Coselman led the Tigers' offense in the second game with three safeties, including a double and a triple. Taylor Lawrence and Leaske had two hits each.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Mike Ruggirello is undergoing physical therapy for his arms and legs for mobility, and his throat, so he can learn to swallow food and speak again. He can utter full sentences, but not consistently every day. Janet is home with him full-time.

RUNNING

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evening to get Mike ready for bed. During the day, their days are spent with visits from occupational, physical and speech therapists.

This devoted couple has only been married for 18 years, but it's the second time they've been married to each other.

The first time, they got married at ages 18 and 19, respectively. "He went into the military and when he came home, we both decided we didn't want to be married," she said. "We were so young."

Then out of the blue 22 years later

with other spouses and children behind them, Mike called Janet, and they began dating again.

This second time around has now come with huge challenges that they're both taking on with love, their faith, and a lot of support from family and church friends at Fenton United Methodist Church.

"I don't know what's ahead," said Janet, quietly. "I'm a type-A person, and this has taught me to take things one day at a time and to trust God with everything."

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TOLL ROADS

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not needed them. Fuel and registration taxes covered the costs of Michigan roads.

The Great Lakes State, however, almost did have toll roads in the 1950s, according to MDOT.

The Michigan Turnpike Authority was established in 1951 to build turnpikes between Detroit and Chicago and Toledo and Bay City, but those were turned into I-94 and I-75.

According to MDOT, in 1956, the Federal Highway Trust Fund established a 4-cent-per-gallon federal fuel tax and 90 percent of the federal aid for the interstate system covered most of the freeway construction costs. This ended interest in new toll roads for 30 years.

However, according to Jeff Cranson, MDOT director of communications, there could be more interest in toll roads in the future.

"Given that the fuel tax, long considered a user fee, is diminishing as a revenue source as vehicles become more fuel efficient — a good thing for the environment but they still wear on roads at the same rate — many consider tolling a more sustainable user fee,"

Many wonder why the Zilwaukee Bridge, which is part of I-75 and spans the Saginaw River, isn't a toll road. A toll could help pay construction costs and ease traffic.

The bridge, however, cannot simply be turned into a toll road, and toll booths cannot be added. In order for Michigan to have toll roads, new roads would have to be built. Federal law prohibits the conversion of interstate and other freeways into toll roads, and prohibits tolls of federal highways.

New and reconstructed bridges and roads may be tolled, according to MDOT, and those fees can be used for transportation purposes.

In order for the Zilwaukee Bridge to be a toll road, more lanes would have to be added or the law would have to be changed, said Cranson.

Toll revenue could be applied to finance, but the method of finance doesn't have any effect on the length of closures for repair, Cranson said.

"Because of the type of structure, the Zilwaukee bridge could never be widened," he said.

The Interstate System Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Pilot Program allows three states to reconstruct aging interstate freeways with toll roads, but all three openings have been awarded to Missouri, North Carolina and Virginia. They could be reassigned if no use is made of them.

"One argument against tolls in Michigan was that they weren't ideal in a peninsula state. But Florida has had success with tolling," he said.

According to tollroadsnews.com, the toll road connecting Miami to the Golden Glades in Florida has been very successful. It allows drivers to travel faster and has decreased congestion.

Florida's Turnpike Enterprise made \$796 million in revenue in 2014. according to floridasturnpike.com.

Cranson added it's up to policy makers to push for feasibility studies to collect data if toll roads would be beneficial to Michigan.

Pros and cons of toll roads

PROS

There are a few reasons why toll roads are becoming more attractive, according to MDOT. One reason is that transportation revenues have lagged far behind needs at the local, state and federal levels, and Congress and state legislatures don't want to raise roaduser fees.

Another reason is that tolls could attract private investors to buy bonds or actually own the roads, according to MDOT. With increased private involvement in project phases like design, finance, and operations, the tolls could provide revenue for repaying private financing or government infrastructure loans.

Because toll roads are typically one route, they would avoid political gridlock that resists system-wide fee increases. Although, Michigan fuel and vehicle taxes are restricted to transportation, and tolls may not be, according to MDOT.

CONS

Toll roads could slow down traffic. However, many turnpikes, such as those in Pennsylvania and Florida, have sensors that detect pre-paid passes drivers keep in their car that automatically withdraw money from an account. This decreases the number of vehicles that need to slow down for payment.

Part of the fee from the tolls would have to go to the facilities running the tolls, and cash tolls are expensive to collect, according to MDOT. They consume approximately 13-17 percent of the revenues.

The design of toll roads doesn't match Michigan freeways because they have fewer interchanges and normally have parallel routes, which could risk neighborhood impact.

Toll road facts

- \$13 billion was collected by U.S. toll agencies in 2013
- 5.7 billion trips are taken on toll roads a year
- There are 5,932 miles of toll roads in
- The capitol investment is \$14 billion over three years for the top 40 U.S. toll facilities
- The fatality rate is three times higher on non-toll roads

Top six toll road revenues

- New Jersey Turnpike Authority: \$1,413 million
- The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey: \$1,330 million
- MTA Bridges and Tunnels: \$1,227
- Illinois Tollway: \$943 million
- Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission: \$812 million
- Florida's Turnpike Enterprise: \$756

Source: 2013 numbers from a 2015 report by The International Bridge, Tunnel, and Turnpike

44One argument against tolls in Michigan was that they weren't ideal in a peninsula state. But Florida has had success with tolling. 77

Jeff Cranson MDOT director of communications



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The former Fenton Area Resource and Referral (FARR) building, on Mill Street in Fenton is undergoing renovations to become a take-out taco stand with a speakeasy in the rear.

SPEAKEASY

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The Thursday, May 26 Planning Commission agenda called for the "Review of a Parking Study for 113 Mill St. to ensure that adequate public downtown parking is available."

Planners had to do some catch up, however, since the original approved plan implied that the use may be a barber shop. **AUG. 27, 2015 — THE BARBER SHOP**

According to a "revised" review of site plans and parking for 113 Mill St. at the Aug. 27, 2015 Planning Commission meeting, Carmine Avantini, the city's planning consultant said, "This building will supposedly house a barber shop, although the use is not specifically identified in the application."

Making sure adequate parking was available in a regulation parking lot was key among the Planning Commission's considerations when approving this plan.

Kim Procunier, the architect on the project, said "negotiations with the barber were still ongoing."

Based on the conditions outlined in Avantini's recommendations, the plan was unanimously approved at that August 2015 meeting.

NOV. 19, 2015 — PARKING SPACE ELIM-INATION AND LOT CONSOLIDATION

At its Nov. 19, 2015 meeting, the Planning Commission entertained another revision of the 113 Mill St. plan. The agenda called for "Revising site plan for approval, to eliminate parking spaces."

After reviewing and discussing the plan, the site plan for 113 Mill St. was approved, conditioned upon several actions including the consolidation of lots for 109 and 113 Mill streets, that the 109 Mill St. property cannot be used for the parking of vehicles, and that a revised plan be submitted indicating that the 109 lot will be graded and seeded.

Should any additional uses be added to the building beyond the barber shop, the

conditions included that a parking supply and demand report must be provided indicating that adequate public parking is available within 500 feet.

At the Nov. 19, 2015 meeting, Building and Zonining Administrator Mike Reilly agreed with conditions with respect to the parking.

"We are already in need of additional parking and we need to be cognizant that if they add other uses to the building, they get a parking study done so there won't be too much of a strain on city parking," Reilly said.

Commissioner and City Councilman Scott Grossmeyer asked the applicant, Mark Hamel, what changed to why they are removing the parking lot.

According to the Nov. 19, 2015 minutes, "Mr. Hamel stated the cost of the parking lot is substantial and makes the project not feasible financially at this point so they would like to just start with remodeling the building."

APRIL 18 AND 25, 2016 — THE LAND SWAP

On Monday, April 25 of this year, The Fenton City Council voted 6-1 to approve a land swap between CRUST and the city.

CRUST is co-owned by Hamel and partners.

During a special meeting held Monday, April 18, Assistant City Manager Mike Burns said the administration had been working with the owners of CRUST on the expansion of their business.

He said CRUST would like to purchase property adjacent to their business, property that is owned by the city and currently being leased by The State Bank for bank customer parking.

Rather than a money transfer, however, they wanted to do a land transfer, where CRUST owners get the city-owned property they want, and in return, they will give the city property they own at 109 Mill St

Hamel told the council, "This seems to

be our last ditch effort to stay downtown."

Mayor Sue Osborn yoted against the

Mayor Sue Osborn voted against the land trade.

"I want CRUST to stay in downtown Fenton, but I would rather have paid for that (Mill Street) property," Osborn said.

Councilwoman Cherie Smith questioned the fairness of the trade at the April 18 meeting.

Smith mentioned the barbershop council members believed Hamel was building on Mill Street.

"If we take Mill Street and build a parking lot, it will benefit your business," she said. "I don't think that's fair."

Although it had not come before the Planning Commission yet, Hamel and his partners said they are also planning the construction of another business on Mill Street.

"To me, it doesn't seem fiscally equitable to build you a parking lot," Smith said.

After doing some homework between the April 18 and 25 meetings, Smith said she was comfortable voting in favor of the land trade.

Markland said at the April 25 meeting that the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) would be looking at building a parking lot on the site in the near future.

According to the April 25 council meeting minutes, Councilwoman Pat Lockwood said she thinks the proposed property swap is a positive thing because it will provide parking for the community and not just parking for one particular business.

MAY 23, 2016 — TACO STAND AND SPEAKEASY

At its Monday, May 23 meeting, the

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elebrating 15 Years Fenton City Council was asked to approve a local liquor license for a new use at 109 Mill St., a speakeasy, which is to be located behind a take-out taco stand.

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In a memo to City Manager Lynn Markland, Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said The Fenton Relief & Resource Company, owned by Hamel, Chad Brennan and Jon Foley, need local liquor license approval for a speakeasy at 109 Mill St.

Aro said the speakeasy will be hidden like it was during the 1920s during Prohibition. There will be nothing out front to indicate there is a drinking establishment inside. He said this is a new national trend.

The building will be divided into two businesses with two separate ownerships. In the front, there is going to be a small take-out taco stand with no alcohol, called "El Topo," Aro said.

In order to get to the speakeasy, patrons will have to enter the taco stand, go to the rear and enter through a hidden door.

Hamel said he could not comment on the speakeasy, but did say they are planning to open the taco stand in the fall and that it will employ at least a dozen people.

Hours will be from 11 a.m. to midnight, Hamel said.

MAY 26, 2016 — PLANNING COM-MISSION APPROVAL

On Monday, May, 23, the City Council voted in favor of giving local liquor license approval for the speakeasy. Planning Commission approval on the revised site and parking plan came on Thursday, May 26.

In an email dated Friday, May 27, Reilly confirmed, "Last night, the Planning Commission approved the amended site plan with the parking study for the taco business and the speakeasy."



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NOTICE HOLLY TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING (TRUTH IN BUDGETING)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Holly Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budgets for fiscal year July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017 at the Holly Township Hall, 102 Civic Drive, Holly, MI 48442 on June 15, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. or as soon as possible thereafter. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** A copy of the budget and the proposed millage rates are available for public inspection at Holly Township Clerk's Office 102 Civic Drive, Holly, MI 48442 or by contacting the Clerk at 248-634-9331 ext. 301.

The Holly Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aid and services to Individuals with disabilities upon seven (7) day notice to the Clerk's Office prior to the hearing by writing, calling or emailing the Clerk.

Karin S. Winchester, MMC Holly Township Clerk

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TOWNSHIP OF HOLLY NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY

Notice is hereby given that on May 18, 2016 the Holly Township Board adopted amendments to the Holly Township Code of Ordinances Chapter 32 Zoning, Article X Signs, Section 32-384 Highway Commercial Freestanding Signs.

A true and complete copy of Holly Township's Code of Ordinances can be viewed online at www.hollytownship.org/Services/Codeofordinances or can be inspected or obtained at the office of the Holly Township Clerk, 102 Civic Drive, Holly, Michigan, 48442, at all times said office is open for business.

THE FOLLOWING CONSTITUTES A SUMMARY OF HOLLY TOWNSHIP'S AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES:

SECTION 1 - AMENDMENTS

Sec. 32-384. - Highway commercial freestanding signs.

(a) General requirements.

(8) The sign shall not exceed 50 feet in height and not to exceed <u>100 672</u> square feet per side in area.

SECTION 2 - INVALIDITY
SECTION 3 - EFFECTIVE DATE
SECTION 4 - REPEALING CLAUSE

SECTION 5 - ADOPTION

CERTIFICATION

I, duly elected clerk of the Township of Holly, County of Oakland, and State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Notice of Adoption and Summary of the Holly Township Ordinance Chapter 32 Zoning, Article X Signs, Section 32-384 Highway Commercial Freestanding Signs adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Township of Holly at the regular meeting held on the 18th day of May, 2016 at which a quorum was present.

Karin S. Winchester, MMC Clerk, Holly Township Oakland County, Michigan

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Obituaries

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Source: thefuneralsource org





Craig Norman Gould

1958-2016 Craig Norman Gould - age 57, of Holland, passed away Saturday, May 28,

2016 at Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo. born November 26, 1958 in Flint,

Craig was to Curtis and

Patricia Gould, he was the youngest of four boys and referred to himself as #4. He grew up in Fenton, where he was a three sport athlete. Craig graduated from Hope College in December, 1980 and never left the Holland area. He played football for the Dutchman, loved all Hope athletics and was a season ticket holder for several sports. He was also an avid Michigan State University supporter. Craig worked in the furniture industry, lastly with Doane Keys in sales. He loved golf, boating, cooking and was active in the Elks. He was a Michigan State Elks Hoop Shoot Director for several years. Craig was preceded in death by his Father, Curtis Gould; and older brother, Bruce Gould. Craig is survived by his wife, of 34 years, Štella (Beltran); children, Michael Gould of Houston, TX, Rachael and Junior Martinez of Holland; mother, Patricia Gould of Fenton; mother-in-law, Julia Beltran of Holland; brothers, Mark and Cinny Gould of Lowell, Dave and Denise Gould of Gastonia NC; in-laws, Ricardo and Elizabeth Beltran, Anita and Gualberto Rodriguez, Margarita Beltran, Maria Elena and Jose Gonzales, Sixto, Jr. and Rita Beltran, Carlos and Kathy Beltran, Christina Guajardo all of Holland; many nieces and nephews. Funeral services are planned for 10 AM Friday, June 3, 2016 at Langeland-Sterenberg Funeral Home, 315 E 16th St., Holland with Rev. Dan Carter officiating. Burial will be in Pilgrim Home Cemetery. Visitation is scheduled for 5-8 PM Thursday, June 2, 2016 also at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Elks' Hoop Shoot program c/o Holland Elks Lodge #1315, 569 E 24th St. Holland, MI 49423. Condolences may be left online at www.langelandsterenberg.com.

Geraldine Mae Pickett

1930-2016

Geraldine Mae Pickett was born in Flint, the daughter of Lester B. Holmes and Golda B. (Faust) Hol-

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mes. She graduated from Davison High School and earned a Bachelors degree in

degree in Education from Michigan State University. Geraldine married Dale Pickett in 1949 in Davison, MI. Dale and Geraldine moved to Linden, in 1954 and were lifelong members of the Linden United Methodist Church. Geraldine taught math and science at Linden and Durand Community Schools until she retired in 1988. She was a devoted mother and grandmother who loved spending time with her family. She also enjoyed being creative with various arts and crafts, playing games with her family and friends, gardening, square dancing, singing along to her favorite songs and traveling in the USA and internationally. Geraldine is survived by her daughters (and sons-in-law), Marlana (Jeff) Rosen of Katy, TX, Hope (Jim) Sorge of Lebanon, IN, and Pamela (Lane) Levinson of Dallas, TX; her five grandchildren, Lindsay (Cole) Popham of Fulshear, TX, Jenna (Kyle) Bazur of Lebanon, IN, Alyssa (Luke) Davis of The Woodlands, TX, Landon Sorge of Lebanon, IN, and Landry Levinson of Dallas, TX; and her three greatgrandchildren, Ava Bazur, Vivienne Davis, and Heidi Bazur. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dale; and her daughter, Trudy Ann. A celebration of her life will be held 11 AM Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Burial will follow at Crestwood Memorial Cemetery, Grand Blanc. Visitation will be held from 10 AM until the time of service on Wednesday. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to the Linden United Methodist Church. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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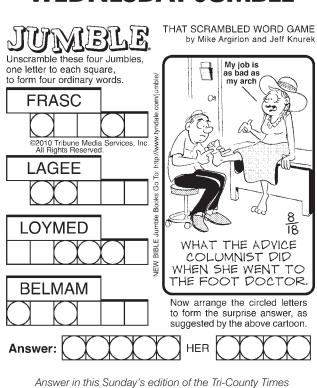
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> DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★ ★ ★ Moderate ★★ Challenging ★★★ HOO BOY!

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

WEDNESDAY JUMBLE



DVD RELEASES

Race is based on the incredible true story of Jesse Owens, the legendary ath-

letic superstar whose quest to become the greatest track and field athlete in history thrusts him onto the world stage of the 1936 Olympics, where he faces off



against Adolf Hitler's vision of Aryan supremacy. Race is an enthralling film about courage, determination, tolerance, and friendship, and an inspiring drama about one man's fight to become an Olympic legend. PG-13, 1 hr. 30 min.





Ivan Cohen is a young boy living in Palo Alto, California. Unsatisfied by his slacker

group of friends, his love for a girl who doesn't know he exists and a dysfunctional family life, he is struggling to find his place in the world.



Meanwhile, a dedicated teacher (James Franco) tries to reach out to him. Based on a short story by Franco, Memoria was directed by Nina Ljeti and Vladimir de Fontenay

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

Although you would prefer to move forward at a steady pace, it might be a good idea to stop and reassess your plans. You could find a good reason to make a change at this time.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Just when you thought you had

everything planned to the smallest detail, you get some news that could unsettle things. But a timely explanation helps put it all back on track.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

Home and work continue to compete for your attention. But you handle it well by giving each its proper due. Someone you trust offers valuable advice. Listen to it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Unsettling news creates a difficult but not impossible situation. Continue to follow your planned routine, but keep your mind open to a possible change down the line.

LEO (July 23 to Aug.22)

Lick your wounded pride if you like, but it's a better idea to find out why your suggestions were rejected. What you learn could help you deal with an upcoming situation.

VIRGO (Aug.23 to Sept. 22)

Feeling a bit listless? No wonder. You might be pushing too hard to finish everything on your to-do list. Cutting it down could help get your energy levels up.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Taking time out of your busy schedule might be the best way to handle that sensitive private matter. It will help reassure everyone involved about your priorities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Insist on full disclosure by all parties before agreeing to be part of a 'great deal." What you learn should help you decide whether to go with

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Your decision to protect the secret that was entrusted to you might irk some people. But it also wins you the admiration of those who value trust and loyalty.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Creative activities take on a practical approach as you realize you might be able to market your work. Ask for advice from someone experienced in this area.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) If you're suddenly a bit unsure

about your decision, ask trusted colleagues and/or friends or family members for suggestions that could help resolve your doubts.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)

A workplace situation could get stormy. But stay on course until there's a solution that meets with everyone's approval, and things finally can calm down.

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