

State fireworks ban possible, but unlikely

■ Dry conditions result in ‘burning bans’

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Dry conditions throughout the month of June has led several area fire departments to issue bans on all outdoor burning.

Whether fireworks will be banned for the upcoming Fourth of July holiday

weekend depends on the municipality.

The state fire marshal is considering a ban on fireworks statewide, which will make the local decisions easy.

Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff issued a ban on all outdoor burning until further



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Due to dry conditions, local municipalities have imposed bans on outdoor burning. Fireworks have been banned in some communities.

notice. He said Wednesday that a ban on fireworks will have to come from state officials. As of press time Friday, no such state ban was issued.

The village of Holly, on the other hand, has issued a ban on burning and fireworks. Regarding the state law, Village Manager Jerry Walker said officials have consulted with the state fire marshal’s

office and their attorney. Because the village has an ordinance in place, allowing the fire chief to declare an emergency and take whatever measures necessary to protect the public, the ban on fireworks is legal.

Argentine Township issued a ban on all outdoor burning and fireworks on Wednesday.

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Eric Corcoran



Angela Corcoran

Jury finds Deerfield Township couple guilty of child abuse

■ Reports say couple kept 16-year-old adopted son isolated in the basement

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A jury found a Deerfield Township couple guilty of second-degree child abuse on Tuesday for the mental and emotional abuse of their 16-year-old adopted son. The abuse took place over a three-year period.

Authorities said that Eric and Angela Corcoran, both 43, kept the teen isolated in the basement where he ate

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Neighbors near Eric and Angela Corcoran's home on Bennett Lake Road in Deerfield Township said they were unaware of any child abuse.

Concert in the park



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Bob Curtis of Burton puts his sunglasses on between songs at the Concerts in the Park event in downtown Fenton Thursday evening. He is playing with the band, Magic 5. His daughter Kathryn Croteau (lower left) of Livonia brought her children to see their grandfather play for the first time. The concert took place along with the popular farmers market in downtown Fenton.

Area has high train fatality history

The tri-county area has seen numerous vehicle-train and pedestrian-train accidents over the past several decades.

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Lahring Road bridge to be closed for months

Highly traveled overpass damaged when backhoe too tall to get under crashes into it.


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“I think it would be a good policy for Fenton that individuals who own a business in the downtown area should not be members of the DDA. The recent controversy is not in the best interest of the citizens or the business owners.”



“Bought a new flag for the Fourth of July at (local home improvement store) and when I got home I saw that it was made in China. Definition of hypocrisy: Fourth of July parade attendees proudly waving their American flags made in China.”



“On this Fourth of July maybe it would be a good thing to remember that, regardless of political leanings, we are all Americans and live in the wealthiest, fairest, most free and safe country in the world. Be proud to be an American. My country 'tis of thee...”



COMMENT OF THE WEEK

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STORM SPOTTERS

ARE FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE

The eyes and ears of the National Weather Service

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Almost everyone has experienced this scenario at least once or twice. Despite the near-black clouds in the distance, you make it home from work and breathe a sigh of relief.

Within a few minutes of pulling your car into the garage, it turns green and yellow outside, the leaves on the trees quiet and the birds stop singing. Then you hear it, the tornado siren and, if you're smart, you manage to get yourself, the kids and the dog down to the basement or other safe shelter just in time.

Then it happens — a massive thunderstorm with high winds and hail, or straight-line winds, or even a tornado rips through your neighborhood.

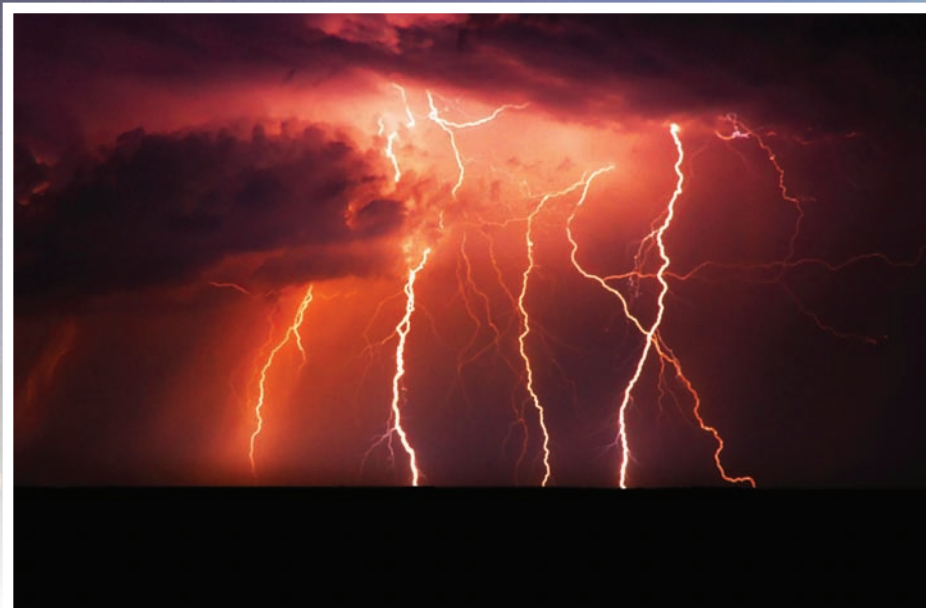
Because of our early warning system, everyone makes it through just fine. Ever wonder about the storm spotters that make that possible?

Fred Moses of Fenton is one of those people.

During the day, Moses is the chief technology officer for Rockman Communications, a position he's held for more than 17 years. He's also a licensed amateur radio operator (Ham Radio for more than 16 years).

"After getting my license I got connected with a program called Skywarn (skywarn.org/about)," Moses said.

Skywarn was established by the National Weather Service (NWS) as a volunteer program for operators to be



Despite popular belief, lightning actually comes from the ground when negatively charged particle streams descend from clouds and the object about to be struck sends a powerful positively charged stream up into the sky.

trained to help describe severe local weather.

"Be like the eyes and ears for the local NWS office," Moses said. "Radar can only show so much, where as having a person who is trained on what to report with what they are seeing with their own eyes is much better."

Just after Moses got his radio license, one of the directors of MICON-DTX (Michigan Inter Count Organizational Network Detroit Weather) asked him to come down to the weather office in White Lake.

MICON provides a way for all 17 county Skywarn groups under DTX (NWS White Lake Office) WCA (Warning Coverage Area) to send reports directly into the weather office in White Lake.



Fred Moses

"The director asked me to come down to the weather office and help man the radio console," said Moses. "I would then go to the weather office in White Lake when requested by the weather office and take reports via radio from the counties reporting and pass them to the forecasters in the office."

About 11 years ago, in 2005, my friends and I started building out a wide area radio network to help get more reports into the office directly.

"Our group CMEN (Central Michigan Emergency Network) covers more than just the counties under DTX now," said Moses. "We have built our networks to cover larger parts of Michigan and support other types of public service events."

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LIGHTNING — myths and facts

■ Does it really go from the ground to the sky?

By Hannah Ball

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It makes your pets run and hide. It makes the hair on the back of your neck stand up. It illuminates the sky for a brief moment at night, before

the light fades and there's an image of a bright streak stuck behind your eyes.

Spring and summer are thunderstorm seasons, and by default, lightning season.

This natural illuminator is a marvel to see, but, like Icarus getting too close to the sun, proximity can be dangerous and deadly.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), more than 400 people are struck by lightning per year in the United States. Between 55 to 60 are killed by the lightning, and

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“It's those little storms that come through on a summer day when there's only one or two lightning bolts. That's when people get caught in it.”

Bob Cairnduff

Fenton fire chief

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Legal fireworks are no fun

I love fireworks. The state should ban fireworks. Again.

I don't mean smoke bombs, sparklers and snakes. Those are boring. Banning them would be like banning oatmeal, which come to think of it, isn't a bad idea. But then why bother — bland bans itself, in a sense, right?

I mean ban fun fireworks. Anything that delights the soul. Or bedazzles the eye.

Or rattles the windows. Or leaps from the earth with its butt on fire. Or causes moms to get the vapors (maybe the truest test of all). Anything, in short, that, when you light it, makes you feel like you did when



Andrew Heller
FEATURED COLUMNIST

you were a kid and got away with something you shouldn't have.

For most of my life, those types of fireworks were banned in Michigan, which made them all the more fun if you got your hands on

some.

Back in my grade school days, Joey Liss and I used to put platoons of green plastic Army men on the ice floes that would form in the alley next to his home. Then we'd knock them off with illicit firecrackers and BB guns, thereby saving the nation from invasion. Great kid fun in a much more innocent time.

Later, I'd go back to Escanaba, my hometown in the U.P., for the Fourth and delight the nephews and nieces with a private fireworks show after the city's fireworks show. Ours was always better and generally safe, except for the time the Roman candle tipped over and shot a ball of fire over everyone's head.

I'm still apologizing to the mothers in our family for that. (Yeah. I'm apparently 'that' uncle.)

When the state changed the fireworks law a few years ago and suddenly everything short of nuclear weapons was legal, I was initially delighted. Instead of getting whiz-bangs from the reservation near Escanaba, I could get them anywhere.

Awesome. But then reality set in.

As an adult who gives a crap about other people, I've always limited my fireworks use to the Fourth, maybe the night before.

Setting them off in a neighborhood any other time seems a bit rude, y'know? A lot of older people don't like it. Dogs hate it. People are sleeping. And what about veterans with PTSD?

I am clearly alone in my restraint. Since the law changed, I hear and see fireworks nearly every night, often all night, from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

And I don't mean little fireworks — Roman candles or bottle rockets. I mean big ones. The kind that make you think the next neighborhood over is ticked off for some reason and invading your neighborhood and they're beginning with a rolling artillery barrage. The kind that make even me ask, 'Those are legal?'

I'd like to think we could modify the existing law by getting rid of fireworks that belong in professional hands. (Here's one guideline: If it's called a 'mortar shell' maybe that's a sign Bob down the street shouldn't own it.) I'd also like to think people will start to behave better.

But neither is going to happen, so maybe we'd be better off going back to the old law.

Boring as it was.

Have a safe, happy Fourth.

“For most of my life, those types of fireworks were banned in Michigan, which made them all the more fun if you got your hands on some.”

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THIRTY-ONE PERCENT of the world's mass shootings have occurred in the U.S. despite the fact that America is only 5 percent of the world's population.

I WONDER IF any cop has ever given a bicycle rider a ticket for riding in the traffic lane.

FUMIGATING THE DDA. Seems the only way to rid ourselves of this stigma is to appoint a Fenton citizen-friendly DDA.

WHY DO NEWSPAPERS and magazines capitalize the word 'muslim'? Quit doing it, it's a sign of respect to a religion that shows no respect to any other faith.

I'D BE INTERESTED in knowing what you think your qualifications are for carrying a weapon. If you have military training or police training, no problem. If you took the minimum requirements for being able to get a weapon, I'm not impressed.

AS FAR AS what Trump will do when elected. He will repeal all of King Obama's attempted laws as far as world order. Obama's bosses can explain world order and how close they are to their goal in America.

RACE. IF YOU didn't know it yet, absolutely there is only one race in this whole world and it's called the human race. Every person in this world is biologically, DNA-proven cousins. We're all related right back to Adam and Eve. The Bible has always stated that.

UN OFFICIAL SCHEDULED to testify against Hillary Clinton found dead. Coincidence? Do you really think so?

LINDEN GUS MACKER, very organized for the second year but lordy, your roads are pitiful in the city of Linden. Very sad.

I THINK THE real question is are we better off after eight years of Obama than we were after George W. Bush? Bush took us into two wars. Obama is trying to get us out of them. The economy is a lot better.

TO ALL THE Clinton supporters — think twice. Watch the movie '13 Hours' and ask yourself, can we have a liar like this in the White House as president?

JULY 4 IS the day of the celebration on our independence. Detroit claims its fireworks are in celebration of moving Detroit forward. You sometimes have to wonder.

WHEN I SEE someone with a gun, my first thoughts are not 'I wish I had a gun.' My first thoughts are 'I wish he didn't.'

COME ON, 'ALL Lives Matter,' people. Where's your outrage over the NRA-enthusiast mom shooting and killing her two daughters after they argued with her about gun control?

GARY BYRNE, FORMER secret service bodyguard to Bill Clinton has said this about Hillary. She is mean, vindictive, vicious, vulgar, and mentally unstable to lead this country. He knew her well. It seems that everyone knows this except the liberals.

WE ARE QUICK to damn Muslims for their behavior, but Christians are not without fault. Check history, the Inquisition, crusades, slavery, KKK, witch hunts, Holocaust (Hitler was Catholic), all run by Christians.

I'M A SENIOR at Fenton looking for a university to study poli-sci that is very conservative, in Michigan. I don't want to go somewhere and sit there being brainwashed by liberals. Any suggestions?

WHY DOES A person have to have cackling, messy chickens in the city? If you want chickens, go live in the country on a farm.

WHAT WOMAN WANTS to go into a restroom with men around? Has this country gone mad? Unbelievable.

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— Denise Ellis
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"The freedom that we have in the United States, like freedom of speech. You can live in a house where you do not have to worry about getting bombed."

— Daniel Sheldon
Fenton



"I guess the freedom that we have."

— Jim Pilinyi
Linden



"I once traveled overseas to seven different countries and was so happy to get back home. I was happy to get back to all the freedom that we often take for granted. I feel safe here."

— Sharon LaFee
Fenton



"You can dream and fulfill your dreams in America. You can do whatever you want to do here."

— Darlene Ritz
Linden

street talk

Area has high train fatality history

■Death count from vehicle-pedestrian-train accidents continues to rise

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Residents of Holly, Fenton and Linden, and beyond, are accustomed to having their communities cut nearly in half by railroad tracks.

For some, the distant whistle of an oncoming train is pleasant, especially during the early morning hours.

For others, the sound of an oncoming train brings heart-breaking memories of friends and loved ones lost in tragic vehicle-train crashes.

In the tri-county area, there have been countless accidents involving pedestrians, vehicles and trains. The following are just a few examples.

1989 — North LeRoy Street

One such horrific event occurred in December 1989, when four young people were involved in a car-train accident at North LeRoy Street near Silver Lake Road. Three of them, in their early 20s, died. The 17-year-old driver survived with serious injuries.

Police said at the time they believe the 17-year-old was driving as the car was registered in his name. A Grand Trunk Railroad train, pulling 44 cars was traveling 47 miles per hour when it struck the northbound 1980 Oldsmobile. Witnesses told police the driver passed several vehicles by going into the southbound lane — then accelerated in an attempt to beat the train.

The car was struck in the rear, bounced off the pole holding the train lights and then slammed into a telephone pole. All four occupants were thrown from the vehicle.

1991 and 1992 — Hogan Road

Another horrific event occurred in 1991, when three Linden High School students were killed at the Hogan Road crossing in Fenton Township.

According to a March 1993 Argus-Press article, they were among seven people who died at that crossing before stop signs and



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In this February 2009 photo, a 38-year-old Holly man was killed when his pickup truck struck the side of a passing train as it crossed Fish Lake Road, south of Grange Hall Road in Holly Township.

flashing lights were installed.

Among those seven was a family of three in 1992, including a mother who was nine months pregnant at the time. Both the young

23-year-old parents and their 1-year-old daughter were killed.

A large white cross remains at the Hogan Road crossing as a reminder of what took place there.

1995 — Private drive off Silver Lake Road

In June 1995, the owner of a restaurant called Blaney's on the Water, died when his Cadillac Sedan deVille was struck by a westbound Grand Trunk Railroad train.

The railroad crossing was on a private drive just off Silver Lake Road, leading to the restaurant along Lake Ponemah.

The owner, Raymond Blaney, 58, had publicly expressed concern about the safety of that railroad crossing. A few months prior to his death, he paid out of pocket for the lighted signal and its installation at the crossing.

1996 — Ann Street

Ann Street in the city of Fenton was the scene of another tragedy in March 1996. A female driver, her 15-year-old son and her 5-year-old niece were in the woman's Chrysler LaBaron.

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Marijuana growing facility planned for Alloy Drive

■Fenton Greenhouse plan delayed due to state bills

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Owners of the medical marijuana growing facility planned for 130 Alloy Drive in the Fenton Business and Technology Park have obtained a one-year extension on the special land use and site plan approved by the Fenton Planning Commission on July 23, 2015.

According to city records, the property is owned by SCJEMABR, LLC, of Davison. They asked for the extension because they are waiting on two bills to move through the state legislature.

Both bills are on the back burner, according to freep.com.

The medical marijuana bills that would more tightly regulate dispensaries and allow for the production and sale of nonsmokable forms of the drug, stalled because a three-quarters majority is needed to pass the bill on nonsmokable forms of marijuana and those votes weren't readily available in the Senate.

The House already has passed the bills. The Senate is expected to tackle the subject again in the fall.

Owners say the outcome of these bills will greatly affect the proposed business, which will be called Fenton Greenhouse. They would like an extension to wait for the laws to be settled before starting the construction phase

of this project.

These laws have been in limbo since the initial site plans were approved.

"Because of the unsettledness of the laws, they basically have not yet made

concrete plans to move forward," said Charles Sowdan in 2015, the project manager working with the architect from Asselin, McLane Architectural Group in Flint.

The approved site plans call for the construction of a 9,000-square-foot building on 1.71 acres of undeveloped land located north of the Hamilton Propane site and south of the Canela Tool building.

The site plans call for a possible 18,000-square-foot

addition in the future.

There will be 13 parking spaces initially and a possible 16-space expansion when the addition is built.

The Fenton Greenhouse plan meets all of the criteria outlined in Ordinance 687, adopted by the Fenton City Council on Jan. 26, 2015.

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YOUR SMILE MATTERS!

By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

WISDOM TEETH

The third molar teeth are the last teeth to develop and erupt into the mouth. This usually occurs when a person is around 18 or 19 years of age. They are called Wisdom Teeth because these teeth appear in the mouth once the person has reached the "age of wisdom." I think most would agree that this is a misnomer as I personally can't think of any 18 year olds exhibiting much wisdom. Few people have adequate room in their mouth for their third molars to erupt into full position. This lack of adequate room causes most wisdom teeth to become impacted. Impacted Wisdom Teeth create pressure which can cause damage and crowding to the other teeth. They can also become infected and sometimes develop cysts. Impacted wisdom teeth can develop periodontal disease which can spread throughout the mouth. It's best to have impacted wisdom teeth removed before any serious trouble develops. Removal of impacted third molars involves surgery. It is best to have wisdom teeth surgery at ages 18-20. At this stage in their life the person is young and healthy, the third molar teeth and bone are not fully developed, and there is no active infection in the area. Third molar surgery in this situation usually considered minor surgery and recovery is fast and easy. Conversely, the impacted third molar surgery on a 50+ year old is often considered a more major surgery with a prolonged and difficult recovery with a great chance of post-operative complications. Because of this, I recommend removal of Wisdom Teeth for my young adult patients.

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Making memories on the water

■ Local dad starts bass fishing club for area youth

By Grant Cislo

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Bret Straffon started a bass fishing club in Fenton that is tied to the National High School Bass Association.

The Fenton Tigers Bass Fishing club was started in April.

The club focuses mainly on students in grades six through 12, but anyone can join. Students from Holly, Linden, and Lake Fenton and beyond can join if they have a serious desire for fishing.

Straffon said as a member of this club, kids will participate in preservation, compete in several fishing tournaments, have opportunities to earn scholarships and also take part in different volunteer work.

"Recently, some of the guys went to 'Tip-Up for Troops' at Kensington Metro Park, said Straffon. "We helped set it up. We helped with the weigh-in, and Mitch (Straffon's son) actually went out, as a pro, with a veteran. We basically helped out any way we could," said Straffon.

According to Straffon, the club currently has four high school students and six middle school students. There are currently no club officers right now, but there are plans to elect officers in the fall.

What the club does have is an Angler of the Year for the high school group as well as the middle school group. The Angler of the Year is awarded to whoever earns the most points. According to Straffon, points can be awarded through participa-



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Peyton Stapp (left) and Beau Turnblom show off their catch after a day on the water.

tion at meetings, winning tournaments, volunteer work, and picking up sponsors.

Mitch, 12, is part of the club and has been bass fishing for four years now. Before Mitch became a member, he started competitive fishing three years ago.

Mitch has seen a lot of success fishing. He recently won the state championship for the Junior Anglers Tournament Bass Federation (TBF). This win qualifies him to fish for the TBF Junior Anglers National Championship in Guntersville, Alabama. The date for this tournament is Aug. 4-6.

"Be patient and don't stop fishing when you cannot catch a fish," said Mitch, offering advice for young inspiring fishermen.

The Fenton Tigers Bass Fishing Club seeks sponsors and is in need of more volunteer boaters. Anyone with a bass boat that has a trolling motor will qualify.

Those interested can look for the club in this year's Fourth of July parade. They will be with the Macklin Mechanical group.

MARIJUANA

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Ordinance 687 was adopted after several moratorium extensions on medical marijuana dispensaries since June 2012. At that time, city attorney Steve Schultz told the Fenton City Council they could either do nothing, draft an ordinance to regulate land uses associated with medical marijuana, or continue the moratorium until the law, which was adopted in 2008, had become more settled in.

The Fenton Greenhouse owner will be allowed by the ordinance to grow up to a maximum of 60 plants and 12.5 ounces of usable marijuana. It is not a medical marijuana dispensary, only a growing facility. The caregiver is only permitted to service five medical marijuana patients to whom the caregiver is lawfully connected. Each patient is restricted to a maximum of 12 plants with 2.5 ounces of usable marijuana.

Fenton Greenhouse, once constructed and in business, will be subject to annual inspections to ensure compliance with code and state law.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHEN I WAS in Walmart this morning, a handsome young man came up and handed me his bottle refund slip. When I was purchasing my groceries, he came again and gave me another gift to help me pay for my groceries. Thank you, young man. That was wonderful of you. Fenton is the best place to live in the world.

■■■■ **FOUR MEN DIED** and Hillary lied.

■■■■ **THE DDA REPRESENTS** taxation without representation. They have complete authority to spend money any way they please. Money was already voted by the electorate to go to other entities. This seems wrong.

■■■■ **CAN AMERICANS STOMACH** the way Israel protects its airports?

CHILD ABUSE

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and slept alone on a dirty mattress. According to whmi.com, the mother held him on the floor with her foot.

He was forced to use a camper toilet as a bathroom. Other allegations are that he only had access to the main living area when permitted by family members, his meals were left on the basement steps and he was forced to eat alone in the basement.

The 16-year-old claimed he also was abused by the couple's two biological children.

The teen is said to have various psychological and behavioral issues. He has since been placed in foster care.

"I'm very pleased with the guilty

verdict that the jury handed down," said Livingston County Prosecuting Attorney William Vaillencourt, Jr. "The actions of both were cruel and outrageous. It was clearly a case of child abuse."

He said the verdict was appropriate. "This sends the message that we're not going to tolerate child abuse," he said. "The circumstances here clearly were outrageous."

This felony is punishable by up to 10 years in prison. According to Michigan law, those convicted on a second or subsequent offense could face up to 20 years in prison.

"They could get probation or a prison sentence but that's up to the judge," he said.

The Corcorans are scheduled to be sentenced July 28 by Livingston Circuit Court Judge Michael Hatty.

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TRAIN

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As the woman was about to cross over the Ann Street tracks, her son shouted to her that a train was coming. She first hit her brakes, but when she realized she could not stop in time, she instead accelerated.

The driver and her son survived with injuries. The 5-year-old niece died as a result of the car-train crash.

A few years later, the Michigan Department of Transportation Railway Division offered the city a deal. They would pay for lighted signals and arms at the Lemen Street crossing, just west of Ann, if officials would agree to close the Ann Street crossing.

After a considerable amount of debate, city officials agreed and Ann Street no longer has a railroad crossing.

MORE RECENTLY

2009 — FISH LAKE ROAD

An early morning truck-train collision in February 2009 cost the life of a 38-year-old Holly man. Officials said the driver, in a 2000 Dodge Ram pick-up truck, was traveling northbound on Fish Lake Road in Holly Township. The railroad tracks cross Fish Lake Road at the bottom of a hill, approximately ½-mile south of Grange Hall Road.

Officials said it appeared that the truck crashed through the lowered crossing arm on the south side of the tracks and the crossing lights were flashing. It was unclear as to why the truck did not stop.

2012 — NEAR SILVER LAKE ROAD AND U.S. 23

In July of 2012, a 17-year-old Fenton girl was killed when she was struck by a CN Railroad train. The girl was reportedly walking westbound along the north rail when the eastbound train struck her. The impact occurred in the area behind the urgent care center on Silver Lake Road. The train came to a complete stop just west of Fenway Drive.

2014 — PRIVATE DRIVE ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP

A 31-year-old Gaines man and 67-year-old Argentine Township man were killed in February 2014 when the pickup truck they were traveling in was struck by a CN train in Argentine Township.

The 67-year-old male was the driver. He was heading north, crossed over a private crossing on the driver's private property on Lahring Road when the truck was struck by a westbound train. Officials said the train dragged the truck between a quarter and one-half mile down the tracks.

These accidents are representative of how dangerous and deadly it is to try to beat an oncoming train, and walk or play on railroad tracks. Railroad officials say a train hitting a car is like a car hitting a pop can — it's no contest.

SUMMARY

■ There have been accidents involving vehicles, pedestrians and trains since railroad crossings were installed in Michigan. The tri-county area has seen numerous vehicle-train and pedestrian-train accidents over the past several decades.

LOOKING BACK

at this week in

NATIONAL HISTORY

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

JULY 3

2012: Andy Griffith, famous for his role as the good-hearted, small-town sheriff of fictional Mayberry, North Carolina, on the iconic 1960s TV sitcom "The Andy Griffith Show," dies at age 86 at his North Carolina home. The actor also was known for his starring role in the 1980s-1990s TV drama "Matlock," in which he portrayed a shrewd Atlanta defense attorney.

JULY 4

1776: In Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the Continental Congress adopts the Declaration of Independence, which proclaims the independence of the United States of America from Great Britain and its king.

JULY 5

1946: French designer Louis Reard unveils a daring two-piece swimsuit at the Piscine Molitor, a popular swimming pool in Paris. Parisian showgirl Micheline Bernardini modeled the new fashion, which Reard dubbed "bikini," inspired by a news-making U.S. atomic test that took place off the Bikini Atoll in the Pacific Ocean earlier that week.

JULY 6

1994: The movie Forrest Gump opens in U.S. theaters. A huge box-office success, the film starred Tom Hanks in the title role of Forrest, a good-hearted man with a low I.Q. who winds up at the center of key cultural and historical events of the second half of the 20th century.

JULY 7

1865: Mary Surratt is executed by the U.S. government for her role as a conspirator in Abraham Lincoln's assassination. Surratt, who owned a tavern in Surrattsville (now Clinton), Maryland, had to convert her row house in Washington, D.C., into a boardinghouse as a result of financial difficulties. Located a few blocks from Ford's Theatre, where Lincoln was murdered, this house served as the place where a group of Confederate supporters, including John Wilkes Booth, conspired to assassinate the president. It was Surratt's association with Booth that ultimately led to her conviction, though debate continues as to the extent of her involvement and whether it really warranted so harsh a sentence.

JULY 8

1776: On this day in 1776, a 2,000-pound copper and tin bell now known as the "Liberty Bell" rings out from the tower of the Pennsylvania State House (now Independence Hall) in Philadelphia, summoning citizens to the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence.

JULY 9

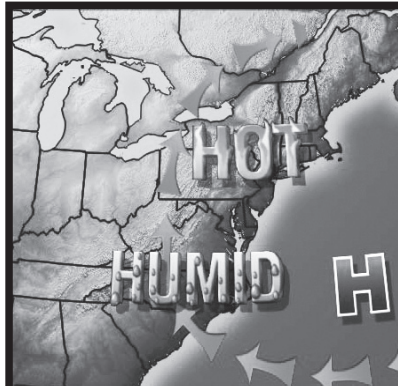
1947: In a ceremony held at the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, General Dwight D. Eisenhower appoints Florence Blanchfield to be a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army, making her the first woman in U.S. history to hold permanent military rank. A member of the Army Nurse Corps since 1917, Blanchfield secured her commission following the passage of the Army-Navy Nurse Act of 1947 by Congress.

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BAN**Continued from Front Page**

Communities can exercise their right to issue burning bans and fireworks bans under Michigan Fire Prevention Act of 1941, which allows for a commanding officer of local fire departments to “take all necessary steps and prescribe all necessary restrictions and requirements to protect persons and property until the dangerous condition is abated.”

NOCFA (North Oakland County Fire Authority) Chief Jeremy Lintz said he, too, is waiting for a consensus from the state on whether banning fireworks is legal.

NOCFA covers Holly and Rose townships.

Currently, state law allows residents to use consumer-grade fireworks the day before, day of, and day following a national holiday. The Fourth of July is Monday.

Licensed dealers can sell low-impact fireworks — such as sparklers, snappers and poppers — and commercial-grade fireworks, such as bottle rockets and Roman candles.

Low-impact fireworks are ground-based items while commercial grade fireworks are to be ignited only from personal property and it is illegal to use them on any public property, including streets and sidewalks, school or church property or any person's property without permission.

Fireworks used many years ago, such as cherry bombs, M-80s and Silver Salutes, are all illegal.

Whether or not a fireworks ban is issued in a local community residents are cautioned to use common sense.

People responsible for fires or injuries involving illegal fireworks are subject to crimes of up to a felony with a five-year prison sentence and \$10,000 fine.

During the month around the Fourth of July holiday, an average of 230 people across the country wind up in hospital emergency rooms every day with fireworks-related injuries, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

More than 50 percent of all fireworks injuries are burns and more than a third of all injuries from fireworks are on hands and fingers. After hands and fingers, the body parts that get hurt most often by fireworks are heads, faces and ears.

The National Weather Service predicted a 50-percent chance of thunderstorms in the Fenton area on Thursday night, June 30, and a 30 percent chance Friday morning before 8 a.m. The report was accurate and it did rain.

NWS predicts dry and sunny conditions through Tuesday, July 5.

Whether it's a real drought or just very dry, here's how you can help

What we have now in Michigan is not considered a drought, but rather very dry conditions. A drought happens when commercial crops are affected, and when water tables are lowered, affecting water wells.

If and when a real drought occurs:

Always observe state and local restrictions on outdoor burning, and water use during a drought. If restricted, for example, do not water your lawn, wash

your car, or other non-essential uses, to help ensure there is enough water for essential uses.

INDOORS

The following are some indoor water conservation tips:

- **Avoid flushing the toilet unnecessarily.** Dispose of tissues, insects, and other similar waste in the trash rather than the toilet.
- **Avoid taking baths**—take short showers — turn on water only to get wet and lather and then again to rinse off.
- **Avoid letting the water run while brushing your teeth, washing your face or shaving.**
- **Place a bucket in the shower to catch excess water for watering plants.**
- **In the kitchen**, operate automatic dishwashers only when they are fully loaded.
- **Hand wash dishes** by filling two containers — one with soapy

water and the other with rinse water containing a small amount of chlorine bleach.

• **Clean vegetables in** a pan filled with water rather than running water from the tap.

• **Store drinking water** in the refrigerator. Do not let the tap run while you are waiting for water to cool.

• **Avoid wasting water** waiting for it to get hot. Capture it for other uses such as plant watering or heat it on the stove or in a microwave.

• **Avoid using running water** to thaw meat or other frozen foods. Defrost food overnight in the refrigerator or use the defrost setting on your microwave oven.

• **In the laundry room**, operate automatic clothes washers only when they are fully loaded or set the water level for the size of your load.

OUTDOORS

• **Use a commercial car wash** that recycles water.

• **If you wash your own car**, use a shut-off nozzle that can be adjusted down to a fine spray on your hose.

• **Avoid over watering** your lawn and water only when needed. A heavy rain eliminates the need for watering for up to two weeks. Most of the year, lawns only need one inch of water per week.

• **Check the soil moisture levels** with a soil probe, spade or large screwdriver. You don't need to water if the soil is still moist. If your grass springs back when you step on it, it doesn't need water yet.

If your lawn does require watering, do so early in the morning or later in the evening, when temperatures are cooler.

• **Check your sprinkler system** frequently and adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street. Water in several short sessions rather than one long one, in order for your lawn to better absorb moisture and avoid runoff.

• **Use a broom or blower** instead of a hose to clean leaves and other debris from your driveway or sidewalk.

• **Avoid leaving sprinklers** or hoses unattended. A garden hose can pour out 600 gallons or more in only a few hours.

• **In extreme drought**, allow lawns to die in favor of preserving trees and large shrubs.

Source: ready.gov

Burning and fireworks ban in Argentine Township

Violators could face up to \$1,500 in fines

By Hannah Ball

hball@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792

Argentine Township Fire Chief Matt Lafferty has imposed a burning and fireworks ban due to the dry weather conditions.

According to a press release, the ban will stay in place until the weather conditions are conducive to burning without incident from the dry weather conditions.

Argentine Township residents with existing permits are being contacted and informed that their permits have been revoked.

Lafferty's assistant, Tom Brooks, said “Until weather conditions are conducive and he lifts the ban, there'll be no burning or fireworks in the township.”

Penalties are stated in township ordinances and can be as high as \$1,500.

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SO ABC, CBS, NBC determined that there was nothing new in the Benghazi report. Hillary did not send any more security as desperately was requested. She was afraid to upset the Libyans, so four men died. How pathetic we have become under this administration. Think very long and hard when you vote. It may save your life.

■■■■
THE BENGHAZI REPORT proves that Hillary Clinton never had a serious thought of going after our people to rescue them. She was more concerned about talking points and about pointing the finger to an Islamic video. The blood of those four Americans is on Hillary's hands. She is a criminal.

■■■■
TO THE CITY, please clean up the millpond. I took a guest to the concert and it smelled so bad we had to leave. I was so embarrassed.



ASK THE MECHANIC

Chris Wilkinson,
Certified Mechanic

Q: Hi, I recently had my brake shoes changed on my Buick Century because they were squealing. Since they've been changed I still hear the squealing! The mechanic who changed them said its a little rust but, eventually I won't hear it. Is that true or is there a problem still?

- Mela

A: Mela, the answer to this is yes, it is common for brakes to make noise first thing in the AM. The reason for this is that your rotors will develop a slight amount of rust when sitting even just overnight, more so when it is wet or humid out. This is nothing to worry about if the noise goes away after the first few stops. Semi metallic brake pads will do this slightly more than ceramic pads, but again it does not indicate a problem or faulty workmanship. I noticed that you mentioned drum brakes and this does happen from time to time on drum brakes but a good cleaning and adjusting will normally cure this. If not, try a different brand of brake shoe. My choice is Monroe and Riveted if they are available.

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HAGERMAN FOUNDATION AWARDS \$50,000 GRANT TO YWCA OF GREATER FLINT

The Hagerman Foundation awarded a \$50,000 grant to the YWCA of Greater Flint. The grant will assist with the relocation and renovation of their programming offices and emergency shelter, SafeHouse. "This grant greatly moves us forward in our push to finance our relocation of services and effort to maximize our resources. We are very grateful for not only their dollars, but their personal interest in empowering our clients and seeing the women and children of SafeHouse find respite and hope in the best way we can," said Heidi McAra, chief executive officer of the YWCA.

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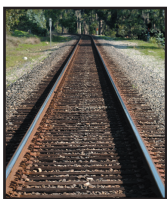
WHAT YOU MISSED *in the* MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following are just a few of the stories you missed in the **Wednesday, June 29 Midweek** edition of the Tri-County Times. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

LOUISIANA MAN RUN OVER BY TWO TRAINS

A man who was struck and killed by a train on Saturday, June 25 was a 41-year-old Louisiana resident. Described as a transient, the man was struck by a second train after laying on tracks for 14 hours.

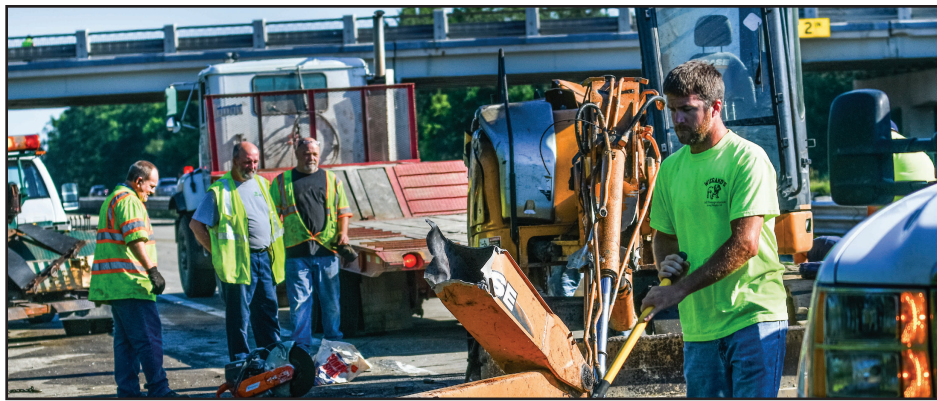


'SLENDER MAN' ARRESTED AFTER JOKE GONE BAD

On Friday, June 24, men were remodeling a home in the 900 block of Bridge Street when a man dressed in a "Slender Man" costume knocked on the door.

RIVER FEST A HUGE SUCCESS

The main fundraiser for Keepers of the Shiawassee River doubles in size from last year. The event drew 2,000 people to the Shiawassee festivities.



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Crews clean up the crash on southbound U.S. 23 on June 17, which damaged the Lahring Road overpass in Fenton Township. The bridge remains closed today.

Lahring Road bridge to be closed for months

■ Highly traveled
overpass damaged when
backhoe crashes into it

By Sharon Stone

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It looks like motorists who use the Lahring Road bridge over U.S. 23 on their daily commute will need to seek an alternative route for several months.

Early in the morning of Friday, June 17, a contractor hauling a tall piece of excavating equipment on a trailer struck the bottom of the Lahring Road overpass in Fenton Township while traveling in the southbound lanes.

There were no injuries, however, the bridge was badly damaged.

According to Jocelyn Hall, Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) media rep for the Bay Region, based on the time of the year, it is possible the new beam installation will happen in early spring of 2017, but as they continue moving forward with this process they will establish a firmer timeline.

Hall said five of the eight beams on the bridge were damaged. The two beams that sustained the most damage will need to be replaced. The remaining three damaged beams will be fixed with a heat straightening technique.

"This process can be fairly intense," Hall said. "It requires a consecutive 10-hour span of time, for up to three treatments to get the desired results."

"By applying heat and gently straightening the beam, we can return them to their former state. Once these three beams are

straightened, we will have enough strength in on the bridge to open one lane of alternating traffic on Lahring Road, maintained with a temporary signal.

"This will allow local traffic and first responders a reasonable option for travel as opposed to detouring around the bridge."

By reopening one lane of traffic the school system will be able to bus their students with minimal inconvenience, and as long as the heat straightening process works, that one lane of traffic will be reopened before the school year starts.

The two beams that received the most damage will need to be replaced, according to Hall.

"This is by no means a simple process, the kind of beam we need will most likely take a minimum of six months before it's available," she said.

Hall said the scheduling of the work is being done as delicately as possible, because it will require a single-lane closure on southbound U.S. 23 to perform the heat straightening.

"Our intention is to provide as few delays as possible for the motoring public," she said.

Hall said they will not know the costs of the repairs until they get underway. The cost of the process to straighten the beams is dependent on the number of times they must complete the process, and the number of hours the crew is there for each heat straightening.

"The cost of the beams will not be known until they are ordered, and installed, however, 100 percent of the costs will be recovered through the trucking company," said Hall.

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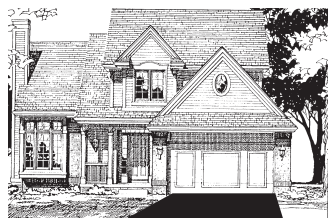
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TO THE PERSON stating no one should be able to own firearms in the U.S. Please post a sign on your lawn, 'No firearms here, feel free to rape, plunder, pillage and kill for we have relinquished our second amendment rights.' Ignorance is dangerous.

WHAT'S GOING ON with the Lahring Road bridge? When can we expect it to be repaired and reopened to the public?

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NO ONE WANTS to take away your precious gun rights. I'm sick of members of Congress not doing their job due to partisan politics. They should all be ashamed not to be able to comprise on any issue.

'It's like acupuncture without the needles'

■ Vitality Acupressure Massage Therapy now open in Fenton

By Sally Rummel

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Ancient Chinese medicine has been practiced over thousands of years and has become a popular method of healing in the U.S. as well.

Yapaing Wu, certified massage therapist, has opened Vitality Acupressure Massage Therapy in Fenton, following a lifetime of practice in China and education and licensing in the U.S.

In addition to medical and relaxation massage, she performs a variety of services including acupressure, which involves applying pressure to certain meridian points on the body to relieve pain and stiffness.

"It's like acupuncture without the needles," said Wu, who lives in Linden with her husband, Dan Moticka.

She also uses cupping to promote the circulation of energy and blood, to help relieve pain from a variety of conditions — from headaches to backaches, stiff neck and shoulders, etc.

Cupping involves attaching a jar or cup to the skin and using heat from a flame to reduce the pressure in the cup and create a vacuum on the skin. "It's totally painless and very effective," said Wu.

Foot reflexology is another specialty. Foot massage can stimulate the body's reflexes, adjust body functions and improve body circulation and metabolism. "When I check your feet, I know what



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Yapaing Wu shows how she uses a flame to heat a cup in the ancient Chinese healing method of cupping. It's painless, and causes the blood vessels to expand and anti-inflammatory chemicals to be released.

is happening in your body," said Wu.

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So you think you can dance?

■ Linden's Ava Cota uses dance, singing, modeling and acting for a shot at stardom

By Sally Rummel

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Ava Cota of Linden is only 14, but there's a maturity about her that people always comment on when they meet her.

That's probably because she has spent so much time in the spotlight, dancing from the age of 2 in her mother, Jeanette Cota's studio, Broadway Dance Academy in Fenton.

Her dreams of making it big in Hollywood or New York have gotten bigger, too, as she works her way toward many professional opportunities. Ava's biggest break so far has been her successful audition for the hit FOX series, "So You Think You Can Dance: Next Generation."

She auditioned in February, when she was 13, and made it past the first round in Los Angeles. With more than 1,500 dancers from age 8 to 13 competing, only 15 made it to the next round, including Ava. She reached the final Academy round, making the top 55 out of 4,000 submissions, but didn't win a spot on the show.

"It was an eye-opening experience, a huge stepping stone," said Jeanette.

Ava received encouraging reviews from judges Paula Abdul, Nigel Lythgoe and Jason Derulo, especially when Ava was moved to tears when talking about how her height can make a dancing career more difficult.

Standing 5 feet 11 inches, she said she was removed from a dance team because of her height. Although she didn't mention the show, she was referring to Season 5 of the Lifetime reality TV show "Dance Moms." Ava had been a part of dance teacher Abby Lee Miller's Select Ensemble team in the show's fourth season.

"I just want to show America you can do anything you put your mind to," said Ava on her Academy round performance in front of the three judges. "You can be different and still do what you love to do."

In addition to her dance career, Ava has

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Dancing teen, Ava Cota, commutes between her home here and Los Angeles, training and auditioning for a career in Hollywood or New York.

signed with Wilhelmina Modeling in LA and New York City and has cut her third vocal single. She continues to commute between Linden and LA for auditions. "I like to do it all," she said. "I just want to see where it all takes me."

Ava will be in ninth grade this fall, and is homeschooled to accommodate her rigorous training and audition schedule. She trains between 25 and 30 hours a week.

"She was on that stage because of all the training, most of it right here in Fenton," said Jeanette. "We (Broadway Dance Academy) recently added 'School of Ballet' to our name to show our commitment to ballet education. It's the foundation of all dance."

"Our acro dance program, taught by gymnastics instructor Viktoriah Serra,

teaches strength, cardio and conditioning. We want to bring the same opportunities Ava has had to our local dancers." Jennifer Wiley, master ballet teacher, heads the program.

"I just love it all so much," said Ava. "I just can't see myself doing anything else."

"I just want to show America you can do anything you put your mind to. You can be different, and still do what you love to do."

Ava Cota
 14-year-old dancer

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American Pickers were in Holly Thursday

■ Popular TV show's stars pick through local man's treasures

By Tim Jagielo
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Holly — The popular reality TV show American Pickers was in Holly on Thursday June 30. The only evidence of them being in town was a nondescript RV (possibly with the show's stars, Mike Wolfe and Frank Fritz, inside) and a rental van parked outside. The sparse camera crew moved in and out from the featured home, while the homeowner signed legal documents with a production assistant.

The Antique Archeology van that the American Pickers hosts arrived in was seen around town and used on the set on Thursday. At the request of the crew on site, the Times is not sharing the location or the name of the homeowner, however, the location has likely appeared on social media.

One local man seized the opportunity to meet the hosts of American Pickers when he heard they were in town.



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Dan Poyner (right) of Tyrone Township poses for a quick photo with Mike Wolfe of American Pickers.

Dan Poyner, 57, of Tyrone Township headed over to Holly on Thursday after his niece spotted the show's truck and called him. Poyner, who owns some vintage motorcycles, was able to get his photo taken with Mike Wolfe, one of the show's hosts. "I watch the show regularly and consider what they do to be a dream job," said Poyner. "It was nice to see them in our area." Watch for updates at tctimes.com.

News briefs

MORE THAN 300 AMERICAN FLAGS TO LINE FENTON'S FOURTH OF JULY PARADE ROUTE

Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Michigan (BHHSMI) Real Estate is once again excited to participate in the Fenton Freedom Festival. On Friday, July 1, BHHSMI real estate agents will volunteer their time and place more than 300 American flags along the Fenton Freedom Festival Parade route. This is the fourth year they have purchased, donated and placed the "Made in America" American flags. The Fenton Freedom Parade route starts at the intersection of Industrial Way and Owen Road, travels east along West Shiawassee Avenue to LeRoy Street, north on LeRoy to Caroline, and west on Caroline to West Street. The parade will begin at 10 a.m., Monday, July 4.

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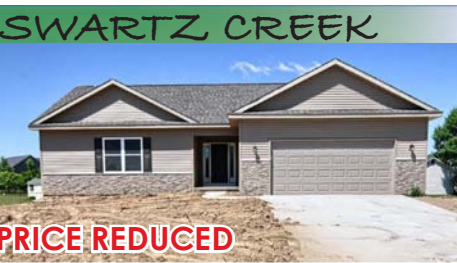
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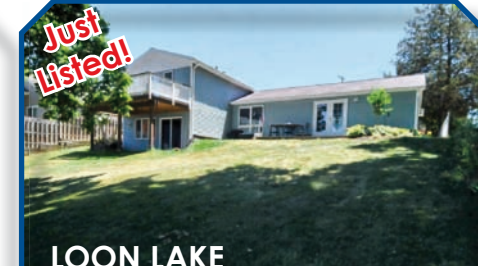
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Awkward family business leads to passive aggression

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BY AMY DICKINSON



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DEAR AMY:

My husband and I got into a business arrangement with his brother and his wife. The dissolution of that business left a bad taste in his brother's mouth, as one would expect. We have tried to remain cordial, although we only communicate through cards, as they live on the other side of the country. We were not close before the business and have heard through other family members that he still feels he got taken in the business venture. The problem is that we are godparents to one of their children. We try to respect that special status with a nice gift each year. Although this year our gift was received with an email "thank you" from the mother, we heard nothing from the girl (our niece), who will turn 30 soon. I sent a note requesting that she let us know whether she liked the gift we sent, but there's still silence from the mother and the girl. They have been passive-aggressive in the past, but I would like your opinion as to whether I should even bother in the future. I have also sent a gift each year to her brother, even though we are not his godparents, as they have previously expressed he felt left out. — Lost in Communication Crazy

DEAR LOST:

You accuse your relatives of passive aggression, but what you demonstrate seems more passive-aggressive on your part than theirs. It is as if you are using kind gestures to test them. And — big surprise — your in-law family members fail. So far, one family member has thanked you for a gift. The wrong family member is thanking you, but — your kind gesture was acknowledged. Then, you decided to up the ante and insist that someone tell you whether the recipient liked the gift you sent. I suspect that you know these family members wouldn't respond the way you wanted them to respond, but now you get to feel even more righteous. If you want to try to clear things up with your brother-in-law and his wife, then you should openly attempt to address your very challenging business situation. You should not send gifts to a 30-year-old woman who doesn't acknowledge your gifts (or your existence). The godparent relationship is not meant to confer quality gifts for life. These gestures seem to be creating a lot of awkwardness, and so you should quietly stop.

DEAR AMY:

"Carol" wrote to you, expressing her concerns about babies and young children she would see with their noses pressed to various screens (iPads and phones). She didn't have children, but felt compelled to help strangers raise theirs. This reminded me of my favorite quote about parenthood: "I was the perfect parent, until I had children." — Not Perfect

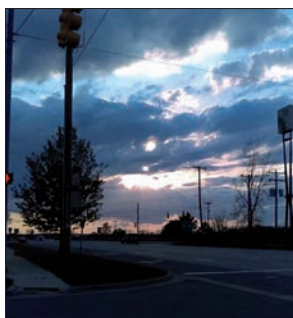
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Mr. Floyd R. Sneed 1966-2016

Mr. Floyd R. Sneed - age 50, died unexpectedly June 26, 2016 at his home in Davison, MI. Floyd is survived by his mother, Kathy Sneed of Holly; daughter, Chelsea Sneed of Burton; stepson, Jesse (Courtney) Stratman of Holly; and brother Jeremy Sneed of Holly. Floyd was a graduate of Holly High School and became a mason after graduation. He enjoyed camping and riding ATV's. Floyd loved animals, especially his dogs Daisy, Max and Hardy. He is preceded in death by his father, Roger Sneed of Holly. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Jeanette C. Vreeland

Jeanette C. Vreeland - age 78, died June 25, 2016. www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Virginia L. Titus

Virginia L. Titus - age 89, died June 29, 2016. www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Deborah M. Cheney

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Marvin Haemmerlein

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Alice Ernst

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Boats for Sale



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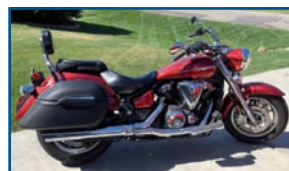
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to place your ad in the Tri-County Times classifieds.

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Job Openings

Times

Help Wanted

APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

for day and night shift barmaids. Experience helpful but not necessary, will train. Apply in person at Fenton Eagles #2490, 1490 N. Leroy, Fenton.

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Controls Manager wanted. Produces electric controls engineering designs and modifications by identifying project objectives and issues; verifying and validating designs. Machine Tool, Hardware Design, Eplan, AutoCAD, Software Design, PLC, HMI, Project Manager, Air Logic System. 5 years experience. Email wanda@spentechusa.com.

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Position 1) Horse Care Position

8am-12pm, 5 days a week. All elements of horse care, feeding, cleaning of barns and troughs, heading horses. Pay: \$34/day with raise potential.

Position 2) Horse Care Position

3pm-6pm, 5 days a week. All elements of horse care, feeding, possibly some cleaning and topping off water troughs, heading horses. Pay: \$25.50/day with raise potential.

Background Requirements for Position 1 and Position 2:

1. Basic equine first aid knowledge.
2. Blanket/unblanketing.
3. Clean barns, run-in sheds (only Position 1), and water troughs.
4. Feed, water, body check horses for injuries.
5. Hold for vet and farrier.
6. 5+ Years of experience in all of the above. (Ideal if you grew up with cows as well as horses.)

Position 3) Heavy Equipment and Horse Care Position

5 hours a day, two days a week. Care of pastures and farm (including drag, brush hog, spreader), hay, clean water troughs and run-in sheds.

Background Requirements for Position 3:

1. Ability to operate equipment (tractor, spreader, brush hog, drag pastures).
 2. Clean run in sheds and water troughs.
 3. Ability to make repairs.
 4. 5+ Years of experience in all of the above (ideally with horses but if not other livestock).
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1. Indicate which position or positions (1,2, and/or 3) you are applying for.
 2. Describe your qualifications in relation to each background requirement listed for the position.
 3. Include professional horse job references (not friends or family).
 4. Provide the town where you live and your phone number.
- Please note: We will review relocation candidates, but these applications present a number of challenges. Thank you for your interest.

Garage Sales

Times

City of Fenton



**JULY 4TH
8-3PM**

Fenton Community Center.
Old service club signs, scarecrows, Christmas decorations, including garland, lights, large wreaths, old City decorations.

Fenton



**JULY 9TH, SATURDAY
9-4PM**

Fenton Free Methodist Church, 800 North Rd.
All proceeds to benefit outreach and mission works.
Adult and children clothing, furniture, golf equipment, household goods, books, craft items, bake sale.
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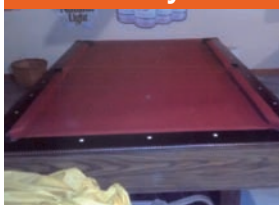
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**FRIDAY, JULY 8TH
9-5PM
SATURDAY, JULY 9TH
1/2 OFF
9-12PM**

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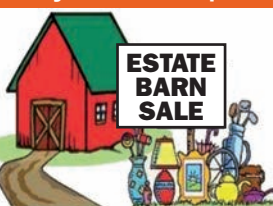
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10AM**

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AND
JULY 14-17TH
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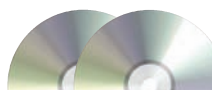
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R, 1 hr. 51 min.



KUNG FU PANDA 3

Jack Black returns as the voice of lovable martial-artist panda Po in the third adventure in this animated series. Po reunites with his long-lost father Li (Bryan Cranston), and the pair travel to a

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PG, 1 hr. 34 min.

SUNDAY SCRAMBLER

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Heavy
MAPLE _ _ _ _
Absorb
FLUGEN _ _ _ _
Graph
TRACH _ _ _ _
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TODAY'S WORD

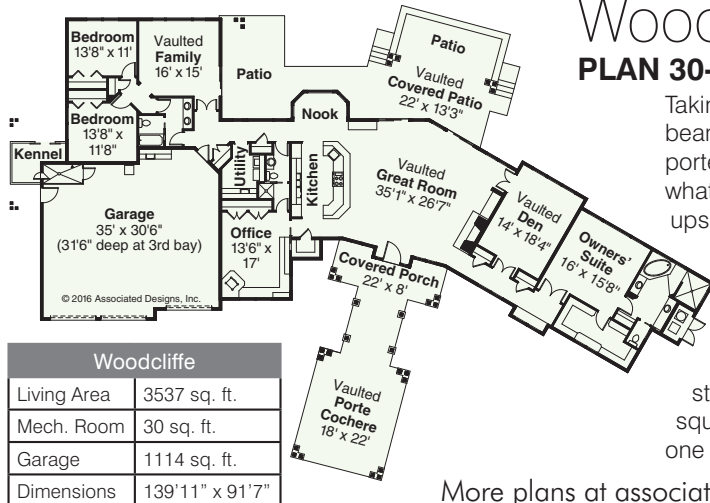
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"No, Henderson, I said I want to see a
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Answer key located in this edition

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Wednesday Sudoku
puzzles are located in
last Wednesday's issue.
All other puzzles are
throughout this edition.**WEDNESDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS**Jumbles:
BURLY, FEINT,
UPHELD, BIGAMY
Answer:
When the foreman said
he was all wrong, the
workers said he was —
ALL RIGHT**SUPER CROSSWORD ANSWERS**

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SUNDAY SCRAMBLERS ANSWERS

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 2. Engulf
 3. Chart
 4. Recoil
- Word:
-
- PROFIT**

SUNDAY SUDOKU ANSWERS

5	3	6	2	9	4	8	7	1
1	4	7	8	3	5	9	2	6
2	8	9	6	1	7	4	3	5
7	9	4	1	6	3	5	8	2
8	1	5	4	2	9	3	6	7
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WEDNESDAY SUDOKU ANSWERS

8	5	7	1	3	6	9	4	2
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5	4	6	8	2	7	3	1	9
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3	6	4	7	5	2	8	9	1
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SundaySudoku

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Answer key located in this edition

A Look back at the
TOP 10
SONGS
from A – Z

KC AND THE
SUNSHINE BAND
Top 10 Songs

1. That's The Way (I Like It) - #1 (two weeks), 1975

2. Please Don't Go - #1 (one week), 1979

3. I'm Your Boogie Man - #1 (one week), 1977

4. (Shake, Shake, Shake) Shake Your Booty - #1 (one week), 1976

5. Get Down Tonight - #1 (one week), 1975

6. Keep It Comin' Love - #2, 1977

7. Yes, I'm Ready - #2, 1979

8. Give It Up - #18, 1983

9. Boogie Shoes - #35, 1978

10. It's The Same Old Song, - #35, 1978

PUBLIC NOTICE

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GROVELAND TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Deferment of Summer Taxes

Application for deferment of Summer Taxes are available at the Township Hall. Principal residents who are Senior citizens, paraplegics, quadriplegics, eligible serviceman, eligible veterans, eligible widows, blind persons or totally and permanently disabled, who can verify that their household income for the preceding calendar year did not exceed \$40,000, are eligible for Summer Tax Deferment until February 14, 2017. Also, Agricultural Real Property, if the gross receipt of agricultural or horticultural operations in the previous year or average gross receipts in the past 3 years are not less than your household income for the preceding year or the combined household incomes in the previous year, as per state requirements. These forms must be signed and returned to Township Office not later than September 14, 2016.

If you have any question, please call Shelly Kidd, Deputy Treasurer Groveland Township at (248) 634-4152.

KING
FEATURES

SuperCrossword

ALSO
INCLUDED

ACROSS

1 Part of a car-stopping system

10 Revolved

17 Welcome —

20 Not in good spirits

21 Weaver turned into a spider

22 Word on a dollar bill

23 Leaving chamber groups high and dry?

25 “— favor” (“Please,” to Pedro)

26 Son of Odin

27 Particular

28 Come — stop

29 Dr. T player Richard

30 Grasslike swamp plant

32 Former jrs.

33 Black-and-white stuffed animals?

36 Big public show

39 Altoids piece, e.g.

40 Nome site

41 Whirlpool site

44 Chute behind a boat

48 Greek X's

49 Showed the ideal way to touch down?

53 Abrade

57 With 56-Down, second self

58 Wiggly fish

59 Tristan's love

61 Lose

62 Corrupted

65 Cure giver

66 Lhasa —

67 “No roving robbers will be harmed by what I'm doing?”

72 “Carpe —!”

73 Enchant

74 Navigator

76 Boat turner

77 One

78 Paris' — de la Cité

81 Kate Nelligan film

82 Is radiant

84 Official

88 Distinctive doctrines

90 Comprising

91 Pindar poem

92 Boulevard

95 Silent sort

97 Dull impact

99 Noggin with a sweat absorber around it?

101 Stubborn equine

104 Branches

108 Associate

109 Six-legged marcher

110 Diner

113 Pertaining to flying craft

114 Crumpets' go-with

115 Superior to boxer Holyfield?

119 Lister's abbr.

120 Abroad, to Brits

121 Eschewer of traditional art forms

122 Erie-to-Norfolk dir.

123 Old Spanish money

124 Chances for success

DOWN

1 Wipes clean, in a way

2 Shot — arm

3 Young cod

4 Rush at

5 With 65-Down, Best Picture of 1959

6 Actor Foxx

7 R&B singer India.—

8 “Superman” family

9 Shortstop

10 Actor — Julia

11 “... boy — girl?”

12 Plaid cloth

13 Illustrate by gestures

14 Dismissal, informally

15 Doc for the neck up

16 — Plaines

17 Scooters' kin

18 Parka

19 Nun of Ávila

24 Grafton's “— for Quarry”

29 Grind teeth

31 Specialists

33 More gauzy

34 Oom- —

35 Guest of the Mad Hatter

37 Mouse —

38 Eye, to bards

39 Farrow or Wasikowska

41 Louver, e.g.

42 Like a king's home

43 Atypical protagonist

45 Senate vote

46 Meet socially

47 Rose of rock

48 A-list folks

50 Lees fabric

51 Certain H.S. exam

52 Kinks hit

54 Set as a goal

55 Buckled, as a seat belt

56 See 57-Across

60 “Damn!”

63 Fancy pitcher

64 Contributors

65 See 5-Down

66 Journalist — Rogers

68 Half a “Mork & Mindy” farewell

69 Federal agts.

70 Furious

71 Required

72 Fido, for one

75 Stand up

77 Edition

78 Neighbor of Mich.

79 Big T-shirt size: Abbr.

80 Zoo bird

83 Full of gusts

85 Common reply to “Are you?”

86 Not ill-suited

87 Japanese drama form

89 Size below 79-Down: Abbr.

92 Lessens

93 Manservants

94 Intertwist

95 Middle, to Brits

96 Most recent

98 Feinstein of the Senate

100 Loathes

101 Relieved sigh

102 Notary's item

103 Caballero

105 Combat doc

106 Brittany city

107 Types

110 JFK data

111 Totally alter

112 Designer Saint Laurent

115 Punch lightly

116 12/31, e.g.

117 Stephen of the screen

118 French painter Jean

Answer key located in this edition

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Synopsis of Argentine Township

Regular Board Meeting,

June 27, 2016

Call to order @ 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Cole

Present: Hallman, Schmidt, Ciesielski, Cole and Graves. Absent: none.

Observed: Moment of silence for Dave Jones, Shirley Pharris, Laverne Wykes, and Dave Grignani.

Approved: Minutes as printed of May 23, 2016 and June 9, 2016 Budget Workshop.

Approved: Clerk to make Budget amendments as needed to balance fiscal year end.

Approved: Payment of bills with additions as presented.

Approved: Genesee County to take over sewer station.

Issued: 18 Building Permits that amount to \$11,696.80.

Authorized: Purchase of a police vehicle.

Accepted: Quote from Royalty Services for flag pole installation and prep work.

Approved: Martial Arts Academy final site plan.

Approved: Skyway Towers final site plan.

Adopted: 2015/2016 Special Revenue Budget Amendments.

Adopted: 2016/2017 Budget.

Adopted: 2016/2017 Special Revenue Budget.

Accepted: Terms of Linden Schools Resource Police Officer.

Approved: Lobdell/Bennett Lakes Fireworks.

Date Set: Special Assessment Hearing August 15, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Adopted: Ordinance # 68 regulating the acceptance of private roads in Argentine Township.

Adjourned @ 8:44 p.m.

Submitted by Denise Graves
Argentine Township Clerk

ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

June 8, 2016

Supervisor Scheib-Snider called the Regular Meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Rose Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Board Members Present: Miller, Gambka, Kemp, Noble, Scheib-Snider

Board Members Absent/Excused: None

Approved:

Agenda as amended with addition of New Business 5 (H) Regional Transit Authority Discussion.

Approved:

Consent Agenda minus HAYA report.

Approved:

2017 Budget Hearing.

Approved:

Resolution 2017 Rose Township Meeting Dates.

Appointed:

Dianne Scheib-Sider as the Rose Township representative on the NOCFA Board.

Appointed:

Glen Noble as the Rose Township representative to the Planning Commission Board.

Awarded:

Bruce Lowe's Excavating for the demolition of 17176 Holly Shores Drive.

Approved:

Resolution designating legal advertising publication to Tri-County Times and Oakland Press.

Adjourned:

By motion at 8:06 p.m.

Dianne Scheib-Snider
Rose Township Supervisor

Debbie Miller, MMC, CMMC
Rose Township Clerk

HOT LINE CONTINUED

REGARDING BENGHAZI, FOUR families wept as Hillary Clinton slept. Four men died and then Hillary Clinton lied.

THIS WON'T STIFLE the Trumpeters, but Hillary remains a slam dunk for president. The Clintons have always been the gift that keeps on giving for the GOP. They love Bill and will support Hillary.

THE BENGHAZI REPORT is now finalized. Hillary allowed four Americans to die

so not to tarnish her reputation in Libya and what she had done in Libya. It was all about political correctness for her and the POTUS. Trump is not perfect, at least he is all about America.

MEXICAN CONSTITUTION (ARTICLE 2) states Mexico is 'pluricultural,' with multiple groups of varying physical characteristics. Therefore the term Mexican is not a race. Same holds true for Islam, it also fails as a racial identity. My statement stands, 'criticizing either group is not racist.'

YOUR 'MUSKETS AREN'T AR-15s' argument is flawed. When the second amendment was enacted, muskets were military 'state of the art' small arms. Since AR-15s fill that role today, they are modern equivalent of muskets.

THE FLASHING LIGHT at Saginaw and Airport Road is to keep traffic flowing, otherwise traffic would back up due to making two lanes into one.

READ THE PENALTIES for fireworks violations for Holly. I bet there has never

been a ticket issued. Why? Because no one comes if you call. Why have a law if you won't/don't enforce it?

HOPE THERE ARE no fires due to fireworks this year. The grass is dry and brown everywhere.

OBSCENE NOTE WRITER: My Tahoe was not taking up two spaces Tuesday evening on LeRoy next to Sweet Variations. There are no lines. I originally parked between a motorcycle and a van. Both left.

CITY OF FENTON
RESOLUTION NO. 16-17

TO AMEND THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Fenton City Council, held at 301 S. Leroy Street, Fenton, Michigan 48430, on the 27th day of June 2016, at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Draves, Grossmeyer, Jacob, Lockwood, McDermott, Osborn, Smith

ABSENT: None.

The following resolution was offered by Grossmeyer and supported by Draves.

WHEREAS, in 1988, the City of Fenton ("City") was authorized by the provisions of Public Act 281 of 1986 ("Act 281") to create a local development finance authority ("Authority"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 281 the City Council was required to hold a public hearing on the establishment of the Authority and the creation of an Authority District in which the Authority would exercise its powers; and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 1988, the City Council conducted a public hearing on the proposed Authority and the designation of the proposed Authority District; and

WHEREAS, on August 22, 1988, the City Council passed a resolution creating an Authority for the City of Fenton, designating boundaries of the Authority District, and providing for other matters related thereto; and

WHEREAS, attached hereto as "Exhibit 1" is a copy of the City Council's August 22, 1988, minutes, including the Local Development Finance Authority Resolution, adopted on the same date; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to amend the City's Local Development Finance Authority Resolution as provided herein; and

WHEREAS, the amendments herein do not alter or amend the boundaries of the Authority district to include or exclude lands from the Authority District or create new Authority Districts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the City's Local Development Finance Authority Resolution, Paragraphs 7 (Powers of Authority) and 8 (Fiscal Year; Adoption of Budget) are amended as provided below.

1. Paragraph 7 of the City's Local Development Finance Authority Resolution shall be amended to read: POWERS OF AUTHORITY.

(a) The Authority shall have all powers provided by Act 281 as it now exists or as hereafter amended and shall be subject to all of the duties and limitations therein set forth.

(b) The Board may employ and fix the compensation of a director as provided by Act 281 and subject to the approval of the City Council, provided that the amount of any compensation so fixed shall first be set forth in the budget of the Authority as provided in this resolution and be subject to the approval of the City Council. The director shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. A member of the Board is not eligible to hold the position of director.

(c) The Board may appoint or employ and fix the compensation of a treasurer as provided by Act 281, provided that the amount of any compensation so fixed shall first be set forth in the budget of the authority as provided in this resolution and be subject to the approval of the City Council. Although the Board's treasurer shall keep the financial records of the authority and perform other duties as provided by Act 281, the City treasurer shall be the Authority's fiscal agent, responsible for keeping and depositing all monies and funds in such manner and only in such places as the City Council may determine.

(d) The Board may appoint or employ and fix the compensation of a secretary as provided by Act 281, provided that the amount of any compensation so fixed shall first be set forth in the budget of the Authority as provided in this resolution and be subject to the approval of the City Council.

(e) The Board may retain legal counsel to advise the Board in the proper performance of its duties, as provided by Act 281, provided that the amount of any compensation, fees or costs to be paid to such legal counsel shall first be set forth in the budget of the Authority as provided in this resolution and be subject to the approval of the City Council.

(f) The Board may employ other personnel, consultants or contractors deemed necessary by the Board, provided that the amount of any compensation fixed for any such personnel, including any contractors or consultants, shall first be set forth in the budget of the Authority as provided in this resolution and be subject to the approval of the City Council.

2. Paragraph 8 of the City's Local Development Finance Authority Resolution shall be amended to read: FISCAL YEAR; ADOPTION OF BUDGET; BUDGET REQUIREMENTS.

(a) The fiscal year of the Authority shall begin on July 1 of each year and end on June 30 of the following year, or such other fiscal year as may hereafter be adopted by the City.

(b) The Board shall annually prepare a budget and shall submit it to the City Council on the same date that the proposed budget for the City, if required by the city charter, is to be submitted to the City Council. The Board shall not finally adopt a budget for any fiscal year until the budget has been approved by the City Council. The Board may, however, temporarily adopt a budget in connection with the operation of any improvements which have been financed by revenue bonds where required to do so by the ordinance, statute or resolution authorizing the revenue bonds. The Authority's budget, which shall be subject to approval by the City Council, must be prepared in the same manner and contain the same information as required for departments of the City in the City's budget and shall include narrative explanations for each line item expenditure. General or vague descriptions of proposed expenditures are not authorized. Such budget must include individual line items for all personnel, including the Authority's director, treasurer, secretary, legal counsel, and any contractors or consultants. If any change in personnel, contractors, consultants or compensation for such personnel as listed herein is proposed during a fiscal year, such shall require submission of a budget amendment, which shall be subject to the approval of the City Council.

(c) The Authority shall submit financial reports to all the City Council at the same time and on the same basis as departments of the City are required to submit reports. The Authority shall be audited annually by the same independent auditors auditing the City and copies of the audit report shall be filed with the City Council and the board.

(d) The City Council may assess a reasonable pro rata share of the cost of handling and auditing the funds of the authority against the funds of the authority, as provided by Act 281.

3. All portions of prior resolutions inconsistent herewith are hereby rescinded.

4. The Clerk of the City of Fenton shall publish this resolution in the manner prescribed by law.

5. This resolution shall take effect upon filing with the City Clerk, filing with the Secretary of State and publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the city.

ADOPTED:

Yeas: Grossmeyer, Jacob, Lockwood, McDermott, Osborn, Smith, Draves
Nays: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

I, Renee Wilson, City Clerk of the City of Fenton, hereby certify this to be a true and complete copy of Resolution No. 16-17, duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 27th day of June, 2016.

Renee Wilson, City Clerk

Times Sports

Lions' camp proves a hit for tri-county kids

■ Instructors teach football, life lessons during four-day event

By David Troppens
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Fenton — It was easy to tell kids were excited about the first-ever Detroit Lions Summer Football Camp held at Fenton High School on Wednesday. There were about 80 kids ages ranging from 6- to 14-years old at 1 p.m. They were tossing footballs, creating little games among themselves and just having a great ol' time.

Enthusiasm was everywhere, and the camp wasn't supposed to start for another half-hour.

"It's our goal when kids wake up in the morning to get kids excited to come to camp and come ready to play football," said football education coordinator Pat Sharrow. "We love seeing the kids here ear-

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ly, excited and ready to go."

The kids were ready to go from Monday through Thursday. The camp started each day at Fenton High School at 1:30 p.m. and went until 5 p.m. It involved several interactive drills and skills competition and also involved lessons which were designed in making each camper not only a better football player, but a better person overall.

"We try to implement a character education side of things," Sharrow said.

"We teach the kids to be people of high character and high integrity. Each day we focus on a point of pride, which are ways to be successful not only on the football field but also in the classroom and on the most important team that they are on, which is their home."



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DAVID TROPPENS

There was no doubt students had fun during the Detroit Lions Summer Football Camp held at Fenton High School last week. (Above) Players have fun with a game of Hail Mary. In this drill (right) athletes like Mike Johnson had to hit the blocking pad and spin off of it. The camp went from Monday to Thursday.



David's Dabblings

A few thoughts about the area's sports scene and others not dealing with sports at all.



THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BASEBALL AND OTHER SPORTS

What I am about to say about what makes baseball different from many sports isn't new. It's been said before. But, occasionally a game will happen that proves the point.

There is no clock in baseball. That means you can't run out the clock.

Even if a team is up by five runs in the ninth inning, the opposing pitcher still has to throw strikes and get those final three outs. Stall tactics will do you no good.

And because of that fact, occasionally we'll get a game like the one that happened for the Detroit Tigers on Thursday night. Trailing 7-2 entering the top of the ninth inning, the Tigers scored eight runs during their final at bats to defeat the Tampa Bay Rays 10-7 and begin their 11-game road trip with a come-from-behind victory.

If this was a Lions' football game and they were trailing by 21 at the two-minute warning, the chances of such a comeback would've been zero. If it was the US men's soccer team trailing 4-0 in extra time, the chances would've been zero. As it was, the Tigers' chances of winning were probably less than one percent. However, Tampa Bay couldn't just hide and run. They had to pitch. And because they had to, sometimes we get these types of games.

And that's why so many will watch a game to the final pitch. You know it probably won't happen, but it might. Thursday night patient Tigers' fans were rewarded.



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Two area football players who competed in the annual all-star game were Linden's Ryan Young (above) and Holly's Adam Tooley (right).

Coaches, athletes represent area in annual Michigan football all-star game

By David Troppens

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It was gone for two years in favor of a Michigan vs. Ohio All-Star football game, however, one of the state's top prep all-star traditions came back alive on June 25.

The 34th annual Michigan High School All-Star Football game was held at Saginaw Valley State University, and the contest had a tremendous local flavor, particularly on the West team.

The West squad included two

area coaches and three tri-county players. Linden varsity co-head coach Denny Hopkins was the West team's head coach while fellow Linden co-head coach Nick Douglass was one of seven assistant coaches. Players on the team included Linden graduate Ryan Young, Holly graduate Adam Tooley and Powers graduate and ex-Linden High School player Noah Sargent.

Hopkins loves that the game is back to being a West vs. East competition because it doubles the

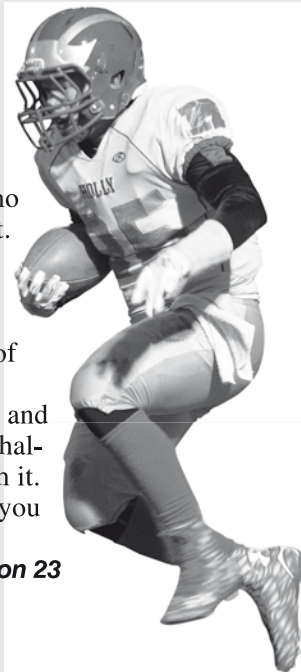
number of state players who can compete in the contest. Still, it wasn't easy for him to cut his roster from 100 kids to 40.

"That was the hard part of it," Hopkins said.

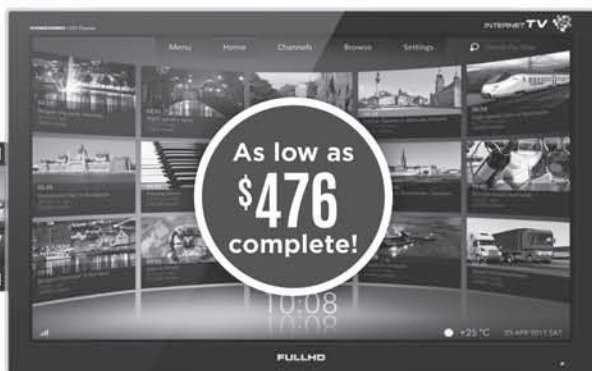
"Getting all the kids stuff and getting them there was the challenge. But it was well worth it. My recommendation is if you are a coach

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Fun is the name of the game at Holly Youth football camp

■ Camp brings out 50 potential future Bronchos for three days

By David Troppens
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Holly — On Thursday morning, camp had just begun and everyone was full of energy.

Holly's varsity football coach Ryan Culloty and many of his players were busy at work. There was running, passing, punting and blocking skills being worked on and repeated among the 50 camp members at Holly High School's practice football fields.

However, it wasn't the varsity players doing the drills. Instead, they were teaching them.

On Monday, Tuesday and Thursday of last week Culloty, some of his assistant coaches and many of his varsity players spent time teaching the future of Holly prep football at the Holly Youth Football Camp.

It represented the first time young elementary school students like Macklin O'Neil, Christian Preston, Jack Sumner and about 20 others were given a chance to show off what their young bodies could do nearly 10 years prior to the time they will ever be able to don the Holly varsity football uniform.

The camp, run by Culloty, had just over 50 students compete at

it during the week. About half of them were sixth- through eighth-graders while another half ranged from kindergarten to fifth-grade.

"In a lot of ways it's fun because a lot of them are so eager to learn," Culloty said. "They are always smiling and laughing. They are just learning the game so we want to make sure they are enjoying their time out. In football it's a numbers game. There has been a lot of negativity about football lately and we think there's a lot of great things about it, so this gives us a chance to interact with the kids and the parents. We let them ask questions and to get to know the sport a big better. It's really a positive thing for us."

On Thursday, the campers began with what looked like some pretty entertaining drills designed to keep the younger kids' attention. There were for stages for the younger tykes. One had them jumping pads in an attempt to score a TD. Another had them working on throwing the football. Another involved some light blocking into a blocking pad with another player grabbing a fumble. They were all entertaining drills that kept the kids' attentions. Each station was run by Holly varsity players.

"I love working with the kids," Holly senior Garrett Stapleton said. "It's nice to get out and

work with the youth and get them all ready for football. It's a great experience.

"You learn a lot about yourself. The kids are so young and you have to keep them in check at times. It teaches you a lot about patience and how to work with kids."

The camp wasn't all about drills, though. Attending this camp was ex-Holly kicker Austin Chmura. He was given a chance to talk to the campers about his time at Michigan Tech and his experiences. Also, later Thursday, Holly varsity boys basketball coach Lance Baylis was expected to speak.

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One of the more popular drills at the Holly Youth Football Camp among the younger athletes was this one. The athletes were handed off a football and at the same time a pad was dropped to the ground. The students had to quickly jump the pad after getting the ball. Two athletes who had fun with it were Macklin O'Neil (above) and Gregory Montpas.

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or a player and you get a chance to be a part of it, don't let it pass by. It was something I'll remember for a long time."

Practice sessions for the event began a week prior to the contest, making it a challenge to get teams together. But, as always the teams made it work and played the contest. In temperatures that reached the 90s, the East edged out the West 20-14. For two of the area players, playing at Saginaw Valley represented the start of their collegiate careers.

"It was a lot like college. It was three practices a day. We would go to practice, eat, practice, take a nap and that's what camp will be like (in college)," said Sargent, who will be continuing his career at Saginaw Valley State University. "It was fun to get to know the kids from the area and from around the state and creating that camaraderie. It was nice to see the dorms because that's where I'll be going to school."

"Being up there reassured my decision," Tooley said. "I loved being up there. It was a fun week. Going to college next year will be 10 times better."

"It was a once in a lifetime experience. Coach Hopkins got me in and I'm grateful for it."

The other Linden athlete representative was Ryan Young, who got to play for Hopkins and Douglass one more time.

"It was awesome," Young said. "I was able to chill out and hang with people."

"(Coach Hopkins) coached and it



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Powers graduate and Fenton resident Noah Sargent shows off his team's district title trophy from the 2015 football season. Sargent was one of three area players who competed in the annual all-star football game pitting the East vs. the West.

was pretty similar (to Linden). He had me taking most of the reps in practice to show you to do it."

Of course, Young wasn't the only player who has been coached by Hopkins and Douglass. Sargent began his career at Linden and played two seasons with the Eagles.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

DOES THE YOUNGER generation know about Monica Lewinsky? Do they realize that Hillary looked the other way as her husband admitted to having an affair in the White House with his intern while he was in charge of this country? Why would any woman put up with that?

■■■■
BOTH BUSH AND Obama share the blame for the Middle East mess. Under Bush and Obama, the secretaries of state were Powell, Rice, Clinton and Kerry. All are members of the Council on Foreign Relations. This globalist establishment controls our foreign policy. Political party doesn't matter.

■■■■
SCREAMING FOR GUN control? Could Hitler have murdered 11 million armed and resisting Europeans and fight the Soviet and Anglo-American armies at the same time? Take American basic rights away? 'Heil Hitler?'
■■■■

LIGHTNING
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hundreds of others suffer permanent neurological damage and permanent disabilities.
“The bad part is that it’s surprising. Sometimes you can have a storm roll in and it looks like it’s just raining and then boom. It just comes out of nowhere,” said Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff.
The big storms are obvious so people know to take cover.
“It’s those little storms that come through on a summer day when there’s only one or two lightning bolts,” he said. “That’s when people get caught in it.”
On July 23, 1999, a 31-year-old woman was fatally struck by lightning on Silver Lake Beach. She was with her three daughters at the time. A severe thunderstorm surprised everyone at the beach that day. Paramedics were able to revive the woman, but she was later pronounced dead at Genesys Health Park.
Lightning is formed when negatively charged particle streams descend from the

clouds to the earth. As the charge races down, the ground, and object about to be struck, sends a powerful positive return stream, heating the air around the stream to 30,000 degrees Fahrenheit.
This creates a shockwave and the sound of thunder that can be heard for miles away.
The NOAA warns people that every thunderstorm produces lightning and is dangerous. Lightning often strikes outside the area of heavy rainfall, and can strike as far as 10 miles away.
If you can hear thunder, you’re in danger.
To avoid a lightning threat, always check the weather before planning outdoor activities and monitor the weather. If the skies are darkening and the wind speed is increasing, it could mean a thunderstorm is coming.
Cairnduff said never take cover under trees.
“If you’re in a park, get to a vehicle,” he said. The safest place to be is in a vehicle or in a building.
He said lightning often strikes houses.

There are times when only one appliance is affected and times when everything that is plugged gets affected.
“There’s no rhyme or reason. It depends on the lightning bolt, where it hits,” he said. “We had one over in the township and it hit the side of the house and it blew apart the wood of the house, it hit so hard. There were pieces of 2 by 4 out in the yard.”
According to the NOAA, fully enclosed buildings with wiring and plumbing provide the best protection. Sheds, tents and covered porches do not offer adequate protection.
Staying inside a car is also good protection, but make sure you don’t touch anything conductive.
Stay away from tall poles, and don’t use corded phones during a thunderstorm.
Don’t go near electrical equipment, wiring, and don’t take any baths or showers during the storm. Water pipes conduct electricity.
If you’re outside when lightning strikes, stay away from isolated trees, towers, and utility poles. Lightning is attracted to taller objects.

CITY OF LINDEN
ORDINANCE NO. 377

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF LINDEN (ORDINANCE NO. 285) TO AMEND THE TEXT RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW; EFFECTIVE DATE; PUBLICATION

THE CITY OF LINDEN ORDAINS:

Section 1. **Amendment.** Section 3.5.2 of Article 3 of the Zoning Code of the City of Linden (Ordinance No. 285) is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 3.5.2 Preliminary Sketch Plan
1. Administrative Review
- a. The intent of this section is to permit the submittal of a preliminary sketch plan in certain specific instances where a complete site plan is not considered essential to ensure compliance with the intent and standards of this ordinance. The intent is to also provide for an administrative review by city staff of Planning Commission approved site plans for compliance with conditions as imposed by the Planning Commission.
- b. In lieu of a complete site plan prepared in accordance with Sections 3.5.3 and 3.5.4, a preliminary sketch plan may be submitted for the uses or activities identified below.
1. Accessory uses incidental to a conforming existing use where said use does not require any variance or further site modifications.
2. Expansion and/or addition of one thousand five hundred (1,500) square feet or less to an existing conforming structure or use.
3. Alterations to off-street parking layout or installation of pavement or curbing improvements provided the total number of spaces does not change the number of parking spaces by more than 5% or to meet various federal, state, or ADA requirements.
4. Improvements or installation of walls, fences, lighting or trash containers/enclosures.
5. Approval for establishment of a home occupation.
6. Change of use in the Central Business District limited to a use not exceeding two thousand five hundred (2,500) square feet or a change of use in any other zoning district limited to a use not exceeding one thousand five hundred (1,500) square feet.
- c. Procedure
1. The procedure for administrative approval of a preliminary sketch plan shall involve the submittal of a preliminary sketch plan meeting the requirements of Section 3.5.2.(2). Additionally, the required application form and fee shall be submitted. The Zoning Administrator shall review the preliminary sketch plan in accordance with the standards of Section 3.5.4.(3). The Zoning Administrator shall make a report of administrative reviews to the Planning Commission.
2. The Zoning Administrator retains the option to require ad-

ditional information or a complete site plan for review by the Planning Commission, particularly for sites which do not comply with previously approved site plans, sites with parking deficiencies, sites abutting residential districts or sites experiencing problems with drainage, traffic, noise, aesthetics or other general health and safety issues. If a complete site plan is required, the Zoning Administrator shall inform the applicant to submit a set of plans in accordance with this article within 14 days of receipt of the application. The Zoning Administrator shall also have authority to refer any site plan eligible for administrative review to any consultants employed by the City for the purposes of site plan review.

3. The Planning Commission shall require the applicant to deposit a performance guarantee for all projects with greater than \$5,000 in site improvements, including, but not limited to, roadways, lighting, utilities, sidewalks, drainage, fences, walls, and landscaping. Such performance guarantee shall be deposited in accordance with Section 3.8 of the Zoning Ordinance.
2. Information Required.
- a. General information required for all cases.
1. Details of the propose changes to the use or structure in question.
2. Proprietors', applicants', and owners' names, addressed and telephone numbers.
3. Location map with north point indicated.
4. Locations of existing landscaping, lighting, parking, if applicable, including the proposed method of refuse collection.
5. Gross acreage and building figures.
6. Zoning classification of petitioners' parcel and all abutting parcels.
7. An inspection of the site by both the Building Inspector and Fire Chief to ensure compliance with applicable building and fire codes. Documentation of an inspection shall be given to the Zoning Administrator
8. Estimated cost of proposed site improvements including roadways, lighting, utilities, sidewalks, drainage, fences, walls, and landscaping.

Section 2. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its publication.

Enacted at a regular meeting of the Linden City Council held on the 27th day of June, A.D., 2016.

THE CITY OF LINDEN:

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our town

Meet Scott Grossmeyer

- Fenton City councilman
- Fenton Freedom Festival volunteer
- Husband, father

By Vera Hogan

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Meet Scott Grossmeyer, a resident of the city of Fenton for 38 years. He has served on the Fenton City Council since June of 2013 and is actively involved in many civic activities, including the Fenton Fourth of July Freedom Festival.

How long have you been a member of the Fenton Freedom Festival Committee?

I am not really sure to tell you the truth. I think it has been 16 or 17 years. **Why did you get involved?**

Andy Schmidt asked me to help with the parade, and who could say no to Andy.

For those who are new in town, before he died, Andy was the supervisor for Tyrone Township. Prior to that, he was a long-time member and president of the Fenton School Board. The middle school is named after him, and, he was in charge of the Fenton Freedom Festival parade.

In truth, my family has always enjoyed the Fourth. Starting the day with what our daughter, Katelin, called 'City Pancakes,' (pancake breakfast) when she was little, the parade, the Rubber Ducky Race, the chicken dinner and, of course, the fireworks. Since we enjoyed the day so much, when I was asked to help, it seemed like something I should do.

What are your Freedom Festival responsibilities?

My main responsibility is the parade. But I have to be honest I couldn't do it without a lot of help. I have several people that help but I couldn't do it without the help of Lynn Ferguson (teacher for Fenton Area Public Schools). Also, I help with various tasks such as setting up and tearing down as well as the clean up the day after. I also put up signs and banners



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and take them down. **What are some of the challenges of putting on this huge festival and parade each year?**

I think the biggest challenge is getting new people to join the committee. Those of us who are working on it now won't be able to do it forever.

Also, the one thing that can change everything is the weather. The festival goes on regardless and it can be tough if the crowds don't stick around. We also are always dealing with last minute changes and parade entries. But for the most part, with the veteran committee that we have, not too much rattles us.

What are the most rewarding things about it?

Smiles! A couple of days before the festival every year I am ready to make it my last year, but when I see all of the smiles on the kids' faces it keeps bringing me back.

Does your family get involved and help out?

My wife gives me a tremendous amount of support and puts up with a crazy man for about a week. And our daughter is involved in events where she lives, but lives too far away to help here.

When it's all over, what do you do for rest or relaxation? Or is it on the next project?

I will come home after the Fourth of July and just rest for a day or two, then it is on to the next event. I help out with the Taste in Fenton and that is coming up Aug. 4. I get in plenty of golf and

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Scott Grossmeyer of Fenton wears many hats. He is not only in charge of the Fourth of July parade each year, he is a member of the Fenton City Council and Planning Commission, and is a husband and father.

fishing so it is fun to keep busy.

What is the strangest/funniest thing that ever happened during a Fourth of July parade?

A lot of funny things happen but I think one of my all-time favorites is when Mr. (Bob) Clark (Clark's Tractors of Fenton) showed up with about 40 tractors. Personally, I loved it but I could hear people saying they had seen enough tractors. I think that may be when the rules changed to reflect a limit on vehicles per entry. But my favorite memory wasn't funny, it was the year (2004) I got to drive my daughter, Katelyn, in the parade as the queen.

Katelin graduated from Ferris State University in 2009 with a degree in public relations. She currently resides in Cedar Springs working as a marketing manager for Spectrum Health.

Is there anything else you would like the public to know or remember before tomorrow?

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THUR 10:30 4:05 6:45

***2D THE LEGEND OF TARZAN (PG13)**

FRI-THUR 2:05 4:40 9:50

***@3D THE BFG: REALD 3D (PG)**

FRI-SUN 1:15 9:25 11:55

MON-WED 1:15 9:25

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***@3D THE LEGEND OF TARZAN: REALD 3D (PG13)**

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MON-WED 11:25 7:15

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***SWISS ARMY MAN (R)**

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9:45 11:50

MON-THUR 10:10 12:30 2:50 5:15

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***@THE LEGEND OF TARZAN: AN IMAX 3D EXPERIENCE (PG13)**

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MON-WED 10:20 1:00 3:35 6:20 9:00

THUR 10:20 1:00 3:35 6:20 9:00 11:35

***THE PURGE: ELECTION YEAR (R)**

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MON-WED 11:50 2:20 4:45 7:10 9:40

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STARTING THUR JULY 7

***2D THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS (PG)**

THUR 7:05 11:25

***@3D THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS: REALD 3D (PG)**

THUR NIGHT/FRI MORNING 9:15 12:05

***MIKE AND DAVE NEED WEDDING DATES (R)**

THUR NIGHT/FRI MORNING 9:50 12:05

CONTINUING

****THE SHALLOWS (PG13)**

***FREE STATE OF JONES (R)**

***@3D INDEPENDENCE DAY: RESURGENCE: REALD 3D (PG13)**

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE (PG13)

2D FINDING DORY (PG)

THE CONJURING 2 (R)

NOW YOU SEE ME 2 (PG13)

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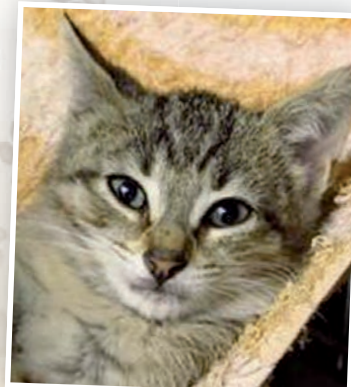
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Everything is volunteer. Moses and his CMEN group don't get paid for their time at the weather office nor for any of the equipment they have deployed around the state to provide the communications links.

"It was all paid for out of our own personal pockets," Moses said. "I do not want to think of the hundreds of thousands of dollars over the past decade that we all have spent on building everything out."

Moses said his responsibilities when at the weather office working the console are to take reports via radio from a county key station and pass it to the team using the TEL (Time Effect Location) format.

A county key station is one station in each of the 17 counties in the DTX CWA that collects reports from all the local spotters in that county.

"That way we don't have hundreds of people trying to all send reports in at once," Moses said. "When I am not at the office I can still be a spotter from where I am located and my only job is to watch and report severe weather criteria. That could be tornadoes, funnel clouds, wall clouds, wind damage (large healthy limbs, structural damage, or trees uprooted), hail and or flooding."

Using the TEL format. Time: being current or 10 minutes ago. Effect: Funnel Cloud. Location: U.S. 23 and Owen Rd. Fenton, MI Genesee County.

"We are there just as eyes for the NWS, that is all," said Moses. "As for incoming severe weather we use reports published by SPC (Storm Prediction Center NOAA). They publish outlooks and if watches are issued for the USA. That gives us a heads up if we are expecting severe or just general storms."

"The local office will send us out a pre-page if they believe we will need to man the console at the office," he added. "We have about 12 of us that rotate coverage for the MICON console. When the weather service wants Skywarn spotters to be activated they

will then page that out as well to key people in each county who then activate that local county's network."

Moses' group doesn't handle notifications. The NWS handles that when they request us for activation.

The equipment needed for this type of work varies, according to Moses.

"If it's just a simple spotter watching the weather they need their eyes and a way to communicate to the weather net — such as via a handheld radio or base/mobile radio," he said.

"At the weather office our console has radios installed in it so we use that equipment," Moses added. "Mind you, we provided the equipment that is installed there ourselves."

Moses says he enjoys this work.

"It's helping provide a service to others in the community and a way that I can give back to the community with skills that I have," he said.

Does anyone ever go out and chase storms anymore?

"I do have a few good friends that are what you would think of as TV style 'storm chasers,'" said Moses. "They do go out and drive hundreds of hundreds of miles chasing storms to document them. A few have moved from Michigan to 'Tornado Alley' in Oklahoma to be closer to outbreaks. Most of them work in the weather industry for day jobs as well. The photos and videos they get of the storms are just awesome to look at, too."

Moses' official title these days is ADEC MICON-DTX Operations (Assistant District Emergency Coordinator MICON-DTX Operations).

There is an entire organizational structure under the Amateur Radio Public service corps. — <http://ares-mi.org/> in Michigan. It includes more than just Skywarn and the NWS offices that are all tied together, Moses said.

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Fourth of July facts

Americans have celebrated the Fourth of July, also known as Independence Day, ever since America's 56 founding fathers signed the Declaration of Independence, drafted by Thomas Jefferson, on July 4, 1776. It was declared a federal holiday in 1941, and is celebrated with fireworks, hot dogs, and all the American flag merchandise you can find.

Here are 15 Fourth of July facts.

Source: WalletHub

1 Americans will consume approximately 150 million hot dogs on the Fourth of July.



2 Approximately 64.5 percent of Americans will participate in a barbeque in celebration.

3 Nearly 900 million pounds of beef and chicken will be sold for the holiday.

4 Approximately 63.9 percent of Americans own an American flag.



5 Most American flags are made in China.



6 Approximately 43 percent of Americans partake in a fireworks display.

7 The current design for the American flag was chosen in 1960. Twenty-seven flag designs have been used in total.

8 Americans will spend \$6.77 billion on food for the holiday.

9 The Fourth of July is America's top beer-drinking holiday.

10 About 15,000 fireworks display are held each Fourth of July.



11 There's a 42 percent decrease in air quality due to fireworks.

12 Approximately 690 Americans go to the emergency room with fireworks-related injuries on the Fourth.

13 Seven people die from fireworks-related incidents each year in the U.S.



14 Approximately 3.21 million people will travel by plane this holiday.

15 Approximately 41 percent of traffic fatalities involve alcohol impairment on the Fourth



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