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…"

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.

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.

Jury finds Deerfield Township couple guilty of child abuse

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

I have chickens and they are not dirty or smelly. They are productive and valued members of our family. Were Congress full of chickens instead of politicians, our country would be in far better condition. To all you chicken bashers — cluck off.

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.

Area has high train fatality history

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

Lahring Road bridge to be closed for months

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

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.
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During the day, Moses is the chief volunteer program for operators to be connected with a program called Skywarn. “After getting my license I got connected with a program called Skywarn (skywarn.org/about),” Moses said. “When 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. “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 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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The eyes and ears of the National Weather Service

By Vera Hogan
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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 rustle 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 ripped through your neighborhood. 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 rustle 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.

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
Legal fireworks are no fun

Love fireworks. The state should ban fireworks. Again. I don’t mean smoke bombs, sparklers and snakes. Those are boring. Running them would be like banning oatmeal, which come to think of it, isn’t a bad idea. But then why bother — brand 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 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 U.P. and see fireworks show. Ours was always better than the neighboring towns, thereby saving the nation from invasion. Great kid fun in a much more innocent time.

But neither is going to happen, so maybe the real question is are we better off going back to the old law. People will start to behave better. Seems the only way to rid ourselves of this stigma is to appoint a Fenton citizen-friendly DDA.

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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.

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.
Area has high train fatality history

Death count from vehicle-pedestrian-train accidents continues to rise
By Vera Hogan
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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 oncoming lane 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 between stop signs and 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 de Ville 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.

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 SJC/EMABR, 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 Propate 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.


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Making memories on the water

Local dad starts bass fishing club for area youth

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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 preparation, 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 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 participation 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 qualified 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 aspiring 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.

CHILD ABUSE
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Child abuse and slept alone on a dirty mattress. According to whmi.com, the mother had 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 Vaillancourt, 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.

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 2.5 ounces of usable marijuana. It is not a medical marijuana dispensary, only a growing facility. The caregiver is only permitted to servive 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 two free bottles. 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

THE DDA REPRESENTS taxation without representation. This seems wrong.

CAN AMERICANS CHOOSE the way Israel protects its airports?
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 of 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 3/4-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 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 several 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.
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Communities can exercise their right to issue burning bans and fireworks bans under Michigan’s 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, 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, sidewalks, school or church property or any person’s property without permission. There are many laws in place around the country that are in place to ensure the safety of others.

Whether or not a fireworks ban is issued in a local community is argued. People responsible for fires or injuries involving illegal fireworks are subject to a maximum of 5 years in prison and a $5,000 fine.

According to a press release, Argentine Township residents are warned to be cautious about taking permits and about pointing the finger to an Islamic video. The blood of those for whom this is on Hillary’s hands. She is a criminal.

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• If you wash your own car, use a shut-off nozzle that can be adjusted down to a fine spray on your hose.
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• 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 just a few hours. In extreme drought, allow lawns to die in favor of preserving trees and large shrubs.

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 or set the water level for the size of your load.

Avoid wasting 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 overnight in the refrigerator or use the defrost setting on your microwave oven.

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

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HOT LINE CONTINUED
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 come under this administration. Think very long and hard when you vote. It may save our lives.

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

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

Mela
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 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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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 that 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.
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 programs. 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 respect and hope in the best way we can,” said Heidi McAra, chief executive officer of the YWCA.

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 River.

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What's Going On with the Lahring Road bridge? When can we expect it to be repaired and reopened to the public?

THE CITY DOES not need a DDA to have beautiful flowers. Many cities have beautiful flowers without DDAs.

THE NO-FLY list or terrorist watch list is not a list of people but a list of names. If we had a list of actual terrorists, wouldn't we be out there arresting them?

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AWARDS $50,000 GRANT TO KEEPERS OF THE SHIAWASSEE RIVER

The Keepers of the Shiawassee River was awarded a $50,000 grant to the group.

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

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 2018, 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 desired results.

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Regulated Militia: Organizing of all able-bodied men for the defense of one’s country against all enemies, foreign and domestic. The formation of the armed citizenry into a fighting force to gain our independence from British rule. The point being, everybody had guns to begin with, they weren’t government hand-outs.

The city does not need a DDA to have beautiful flowers. Many cities have beautiful flowers without DDAs.

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**Vitality Acupressure Massage Therapy now open in Fenton**

By Sally Rummel
news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

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 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.”

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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.

Ava has been in second 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.”

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Come to the Fine Art Reception & Exhibit, July 8, 7 pm - 9 pm at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center. Juried Awards Winner Presentation, for the Fine Art Exhibit and The Artzy Mask Prize Competition.

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American Pickers were in Holly Thursday

Popular TV show’s stars pick through local man’s treasures

By Tim Jagielo

American Pickers were in Holly 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 homeowner signed legal documents with a production assistant.

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.

“It was nice to see them in our area.”

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

Dan Poyner (right) of Tyrone Township poses for a quick photo with Mike Wolfe of American Pickers.
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Awkward family business leads to passive aggression

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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

DEAR NOT PERFECT:
How true! Thank you.

Alice Ernst

Blanche Alex

Dean Wenk

Jeanette C. Vreeland

Dennis Doyle

Hazel Guigear

Deborah M. Cheney

Doris MacLeod

Ida Peckman

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Nancy Dally

Top stories of the week

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 ttemrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Pearl White
Pearl White - age 95, died July 1, 2016. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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**Position 2: Horse Care Position**

- Pay: $100/day with raise potential.
- 1. Basic equine first aid knowledge.
- 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.)

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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 Boogy - #1 (one week), 1976
5. Get Down Tonight - #1 (one week), 1975
6. King It Comin’ Low - #2, 1977
7. Yes, I'm Ready - #2, 1979
8. Goin’ It Up - #18, 1983
10. It’s The Same Old Song - #35, 1978

KC AND THE SUNSHINE BAND

SuperCrossword

ACROSS
1. Part of a canning-stamping machine
2. Revolved
3. 1755, a. Welcome -
20. Is not in good spirits
21. Writer turned into a spider
22. Worth a dollar bill
23. Leaving chamber groups high and dry?
25. $35,000 ("Plaisant," to Pedros)
26. 50 of 50
27. Particular
28. Correct
29. D. A. player Richard
30. 300,000
32. Flemming
33. Black and white stuffed animal
36. Big pub quiz show
39. 9.1, e.g.
40. Some site
41. Whitewall site

44. Chute behind a boat
46. Greek X’s
48. Shook the ideal way to touch down?
53. Abide
57. With 36-
60. Virgie fish
64. Talian’s love
65. Lose business
69. Composed
69. Use a
72. No loving rubbers will be named by what I’m doing?
74. Ear —
75. Navigator
76. 36
77. One smoothing clothes
78. Panic — do
82. Is radiant
84. Officers

90. Compling
91. Plover poem
95. Pass to
97. Curl impact
99. Hug with a sweet absorbtion around it?
100. Strobom
101. Branches
104. Associate
105. Sega-ridden
107. Dinner
108. 4.1, go with
110. Superior to spurer
111. Nuns of Holyfield?
114. 8
115. Secretary’s
116. 8
117. 11
118. 10
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123. 5
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127. 1

DOWN
1. Wipe clean in a way
2. Shot — arm
3. Youngest
4. Shit at
5. With 65-
6. Dung, Best
7. 1969
8. Actor Knox
9. 1960’s
10. In India
11. Superman
12. Renteria
13. Actor — Julia
14. Boy
15. Golf
16. Pant cloth
17. Illustrate by gestures
18. 1969
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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 the Trumpeters, but Biden and then Hillary Clinton lied.

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 equivalents of muskets.

THE REDING 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.

WEEKEND TIMES
Sunday, July 3, 2016

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.

(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:

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

Nay: 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
Lions’ camp proves a hit for tri-county kids 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 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 excited and ready to go,” said football education coordinator Pat Sharrow. “We love seeing the kids here ear-ly, excited and ready to go.”

The kids were ready to go from Monday through Thurs- day. 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.”

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.

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

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 would 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 funky. 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.

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.
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 review to the Planning Commission.
2. The Zoning Administrator retains the option to require additional 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 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, addresses 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 property, 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:

David E. Lossing, Mayor

Lynn M. Henry, City Clerk
Meet Scott Grossmeyer

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• Fenton Freedom Festival volunteer
• Husband, father

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

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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 is 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 fishing so it is fun to keep busy.

What is your favorite memory?

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

Please pick up after yourself. We want to leave the streets, sidewalks, and parking lots the way we found them. Please don’t park in the street along the parade route. But most of all have fun!

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“Everyone 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 send 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 tornados, funnel clouds, wall clouds, wind damage (large healthy limbs, structural damage, or trees uprooted), hail and or flooding.”


“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 NWS). 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 videos 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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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.

1. Most American flags are made in China.
2. Approximately 64.5 percent of Americans will participate in a barbecue 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. The Fourth of July is America’s top beer-drinking holiday.
6. About 15,000 fireworks displays are held each Fourth of July.
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. There’s a 42 percent decrease in air quality due to fireworks.
10. Approximately 690 Americans go to the emergency room with fireworks-related injuries on the Fourth.
11. Seven people die from fireworks-related incidents each year in the U.S.
12. Twenty-seven flag designs have been used in total.
13. Approximately 3.21 million people will travel by plane this holiday.
14. Approximately 41 percent of traffic fatalities involve alcohol impairment on the Fourth.
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