Five-alarm fire on Grove Park

Fenton Township home goes up in flames

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A two-story home in the 2000 block of Grove Park in Fenton Township was heavily damaged by fire Tuesday morning.

At approximately 9:30 a.m., a witness called 911 to report seeing heavy smoke coming from the roof of the home.

The house was purchased many years ago by the late Will Stiverson and his wife. His son, Will Stiverson lives in one part of the house, a mother-in-law’s apartment with its own entry, while his mother lives in another section.

See HOUSE FIRE on 9

Pokémon GO takes over world, Fenton

Smartphone app forces players to walk around in order to catch Pokémon

By Hannah Ball
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During summer, parents often complain about their kids staying in the house all day, playing video games and not getting exercise.

One video game has changed that. Pokémon GO, an augmented-reality video game played on a smartphone, forces users to walk around.

See POKÉMON on 8

Holly man killed in motorcycle crash

Michigan State Police say high speed likely a factor

A 37-year-old Holly man was killed in a motorcycle crash on July 11. His name has not yet been released.

According to the Michigan State Police Metro Post, troopers responded to Grange Hall Road, between North Holly Road and Riviera Shores Drive in Holly Township at 9:15 p.m. to investigate a crash.

The preliminary investigation revealed that two motorcycles were traveling eastbound on Grange Hall Road. One motorcycle was

See FATAL CRASH on 7

Fire chiefs say burning bans are working

Not too many incidents reported; bans may be lifted if it rains

By Vera Hogan
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Area fire chiefs were pleased to report there were few incidents of burning ban violations since they were imposed early last week.

Chief Matt Lafferty in Argent Township said, “Luckily we haven’t had many instances.”

Those who did violate the burning ban by starting fires were just given warnings, he said.

Lafferty said the burning ban will remain in place in

See BURNING BAN on 6

COMMENT OF THE WEEK

The average person in the United States is not as concerned with the political narrative as the press would have you think. There are external forces trying to divide us for some political or monetary gain. United we stand, never forget.
SLPR LACROSSE CAMP

Register at the SLPR office located inside the Fenton Community & Cultural Center:
150 S. Leroy Street or online at www.slpr.net

POST-RIDE PARTY at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center will offer music, food and drinks!

July 25, 26, 27 & 28
$50 residents | $60 non-residents
Lacrosse is a great sport to encourage healthy competition and to keep kids active! Learn stick work and sound decision making on the field at this summer instructional camp.

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Join the fun!

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Online & Day-of Registration Available.
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Join us to raise money for the Mott Children’s Hospital & LAFF Pathway while enjoying a beautiful, scenic bike ride next to lakes, farms, fields of sunflowers, and rolling hills!

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HEAT LIGHTNING …
AND OTHER WEATHER-RELATED MYTHS

The National Weather Service, Accuweather and the Farmer’s Almanac can’t all be wrong

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Sorry Grandma, some of the things you taught us about the weather and other such matters are just not true.

Take heat lightning, for example. It’s a meteorological myth, according to accuweather.com, and backed up by the National Weather Service, and other experts.

Many people believe that oppressive heat causes lightning to develop. In reality, heat lightning is actually a thunderstorm happening a significant distance from the observer, who is only able to see the flashes of light and not hear the thunder.

Heat lightning is really just ordinary lightning from a far away thunderstorm, with the sound of rumbling thunder muffled by long distances.

The cracking sound of lightning is thunder, which results from the rapid expansion of hot and cold air masses.

Another reason no sound accompanies heat lightning is that thunder travels much more slowly than light, and it’s unlikely to hear thunder from a distance greater than 10 miles. Because light travels much faster than sounds of thunder, it is possible to see lightning from thunderstorms over 100 miles away.

Why is it called heat lightning?
The term “heat” in heat lightning has little to do with temperature. It’s likely called heat lightning because thunderstorms spawning lightning often occur in the summer when temperatures are at their warmest.

According to Accuweather, the concept of heat lightning is a relic of a time when there wasn’t much widespread knowledge of how different weather events occurred. This era also is the one that brought us useless old wife’s tales such as “open all of your windows during a tornado” and one even worse, “lightning strike victims are still electrified after being struck, so you should just let ‘em die instead of reviving them.”

The electrical charge produced by lightning travels through a person in an instant and grounds itself in the earth. So, unless you are connected to a person when he or she is struck, you have no fear of getting zapped, according to the National Weather Service. Get the person some immediate help.

The bottom line is, if you enjoy watching “heat lightning” in the distance on a warm summer night — go for it. But if you start to hear the rumbles of thunder, the storm is getting closer and it’s best to seek cover inside.

Sources: accuweather.com; weather.gov/lightning; farmersalmanac.com; usatoday.com
If I Were King...

Guns, spoons and forks

Due to all the discussion and debate on the subject of gun control, I decided to conduct a scientific experiment. Most crime seems to happen on Saturday. So last Saturday afternoon, July 2, I placed my Sig Sauer 9MM pistol on the table that is situated right next to my front door. The weapon was not loaded, but I did leave a 14 round, fully loaded magazine beside it and then proceeded to go about my typical Saturday business.

In the early afternoon, the mailman delivered my mail and the lawn service people came and cut the grass. The UPS truck dropped off a box containing a repair part for my washing machine. Several individuals and couples walked their dogs up and down the street and quite a few cars stopped at the four-way stop sign at the intersection just down the street in front of my house. About 9 p.m., just as dusk was moving in, I decided it was time to check on my gun. Much to my surprise, the gun was not loaded itself, despite the proximity of the magazine. It had not enabled its ‘safety’ lock. It had not loaded, much to my surprise. The gun was sitting there on the table in the exact position that I left it in. Neither had moved in any way. The gun had not been loaded itself, despite the proximity of the magazine. It had not moved itself outside and onto the street. It had not aimed itself at anything, nor had it disabled its ‘safety’ lock. It had not threatened anyone, been involved in any illegal activities nor, God forbid, had it shot anyone.

Well, this came as quite a surprise to me. After years and years of hearing the liberal media and politicians chronically lecturing America on how dangerous guns are, and how guns kill people, and how Americans would be safer without their guns, I was expecting some sort of carnage to occur. But nothing happened.

So, after returning my gun and magazine to its safe in my bedroom I came to two very critical conclusions: 1) guns don’t kill people, people kill people, and 2) the media is intentionally dishonest and supports the ‘gun control’ agenda for the simple reason that it is profitable for them.

Example: Are you aware that nearly 70 percent of ALL (emphasis on all) gun-related deaths in America are suicides, not murders? I think most people find that very surprising. Over and over again one reads that 30,000 people have been killed with guns, but what’s not said is that over 20,000 of them took their own lives. That is a blatant example of lying by omission.

Over and over again one reads that the United States is third in murders throughout the world… and it’s true. But if you take out just five Democrat-ruled cities — Chicago, Detroit, Washington, D.C., St. Louis and New Orleans — the United States is fourth from the bottom, in the entire world, for murders. These five Democrat-controlled cities also have the toughest gun control laws in the USA. That too is a blatant example of lying by omission.

Well, I gotta go… I need to run a similar test on my spoons and forks. I put on a few pounds this summer… it must be the spoons and forks fault.

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HILLARY CLINTON LIED under oath to congress. She lied to the FBI. She lied to all of us Americans. She lied to the families of Benghhazi. She is not fit to be a president.

THE DEMOCRATS in the Senate did not vote for Kate Steinke’s law. The Democrats do not care that illegal aliens are coming into our country to murder American citizens and will not do anything about it.

WHICH IS WORSE — Two men having six wves between them, or being married to William Clinton, who’s had numerous affairs with women and has denied it?

THANKS TO ALL who helped get our Corvette back into the parade. Just another example of the great people here in Fenton.

OUR POLICE ARE the front line of our ‘internal security’. Those who advocate the killing of police officers are advocating the violent overthrow of our form of government. They should be treated as enemies of our country.

JUST A REMINDER that boats do not have headlights. Docking lights are for approaching a dock only. Boating with them on makes it harder to see and blinds anyone coming toward you.

HEY ANTI-GUNNERS, you prove your ignorance every time you declare AR-15s as ‘weapons of mass destruction.’

I AM A law-abiding citizen with a CPL. I went through training by a retired police officer. Despite you thinking I shouldn’t have the right to carry, I would still protect you if a situation arose. CPL holders are not the bad guys. We are giving our kids in blue backup when they can’t come fast enough.

PARENTS, PLEASE PAY close attention to what your kids are doing. Don’t let them go, who they are hanging out with, etc. Get on their Twitter, Instagram accounts and look through their cell phones. You will be amazed by what you find.

A HUGEnoL3100Ets to the young men who put on the fireworks display over McCaslin Lake Sunday night. They did this out of their own pockets. The community. See the show on YouTube: Fireworks over McCaslin Lake 7/3/16. Leave a comment or thanks for them. Great job gentlemen.

WHEN WAS THE last time Hillary Clinton said anything kind about white males? Since the Civil Rights Act of 1965 passed, major corporations and colleges have discriminated against white males. It appears that Hillary would continue this racist practice.

I AM FURIOUS! Attacks on police are not acceptable. Obama’s race-baiting, anti-police rhetoric alienized the Dallas police. He inflames animosity by constantly insinuating racism where none exists.

MAKE NO MISTAKE, ‘Black Lives Matters’ is modern day racism.

WONDERFUL TO SEE such a fantastic turnout for the parade. However, several families around where we were sitting packed up and left. Heard comments, such as ‘too many politicians’ and ‘too many commercial vehicles.’ We need more fun kid stuff to keep families coming.

LIBERAL MEDIA CALLS for improving relations between police and communities.” That’s wrong. Police have no problems with communities-at-large. Ask yourself, if cops hate minorities, where are all the Asian, Hispanic, and Muslim support groups? The police are not the problem.

To the owner of last year’s Treasures, thank you for letting our family use your chairs for the 4th of July Parade.

See HOT LINE throughout Times

What are your thoughts on the FBI decision of no charges against Hillary Clinton on the email controversy?

I totally disagree with it. How can you put a person into office when she cannot protect emails that were confidential?

I agree, I think they did a thorough investigation and I believe in their results.

I think it is criminal, but it goes along with our crooked government right now and the treason they have committed against our constitution.

I think there is more to the story and if there is additional investigation, it will hopefully draw out the truth.

-Barbara Granger
-Fenton

“Well, the FBI did investigate and came to a result. I see no problem with that.”

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14TH ANNUAL GAINES COMMUNITY RODEO

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JULY 15TH & 16TH | 2016

Rodeo starts at 6:30 pm both nights
Gates open at 5PM on Friday

Gaines Lions “Pine Hill” Community Park
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Limited bleacher seating | Bring a blanket or lawn chair for lawn seating | Food, water & soft drinks may be purchased.

LITTLE BRITCHES YOUTH RODEO
SATURDAY JULY 16TH | 11AM-3PM
Nationally Sanctioned Youth
Ages 4 - 17 years

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SATURDAY JULY 16TH | 8-11AM
Parish Hall next to Rodeo Grounds
Public Invited

ENTERTAINMENT TENT

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Friday: ALLAN CRAIG
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Michigan Native & Nashville Recording Artist

Admission
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State considering ban on ‘sky lanterns’

State senator says there are safety concerns with these lanterns

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While the popularity of luminaries, often called “sky lanterns” or “Chinese lanterns” rises just like they do in the night sky, so do the safety concerns.

These lanterns take their shape when users light a flammable material under the lantern to fill it with hot air. Once it is full enough, they’re released into the sky, often over a lake, with the small fire still burning.

They’re used for celebrations, like the Fourth of July, Labor Day and weddings, when many people set them off and let them fill up the sky.

A proposed amendment to Senate Bill 563, however, which deals with fireworks, would ban these sky lanterns. Michigan Sen. Ken Horn is a sponsor on this bill.

“I’ve watched them,” he said. “I’ve never seen them land.” The people who set them off rarely see them land either. The people who bring one that landed in the farmer’s field.

“They were concerned it would catch the crops on fire if the fire was still going before it hit the ground,” he added, adding that the wires that give the lanterns structure were getting caught in their equipment.

If the lanterns have enough hot air, they will go up and up into the sky, carried by the wind. If there isn’t enough hot air or the wind catches it, it could end up in a tree with the fire still burning, potentially setting the tree on fire.

Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff said he considers these lanterns a threat, especially with the dry conditions.

“They are basically sending an open flame into the sky that comes down anywhere — on a house, a business, or an open field. All can be very dangerous,” he said.

According to wildfiretoday.com, the Highland Park Fire Department is investigating the cause of a fire that destroyed three homes during the Fourth of July weekend. They suspect a sky lantern started the fire.

At least two dozen states have banned sky lanterns, according to USA Today.

“The issue is they can travel a long way from where you light them. At our Fourth of July fireworks I counted hundreds of them in the night sky and the whole time I was hoping they don’t land somewhere while they are still burning,” Cairnduff said.

There haven’t been any fires in Fenton because of these lanterns.

“They are supposed to burn out before they come to the ground, but that isn’t always what happens. I am in full support of banning them in Michigan,” he said.

Horn said it’s not his intent to ruin anyone’s celebration.

“I just wanted to send the message that we need to be extraordinarily careful when we send fire into the air,” he said.

Horn said that he understands that communities celebrate holidays in their own ways.

“I just hate to see anyone get hurt or see any property damaged,” he said. He stressed that people don’t only need to be careful with lanterns, but with fireworks as well.

“My understanding is that the bill really has no chance of going anywhere, so we wrote the bill more as a wakeup call to ourselves,” he said. “I wanted to have us all pay a little attention.”

FATAL CRASH
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travelling at a high rate of speed, lost control in the curve striking the guardrail.

When the motorcycle hit the guardrail the driver was thrown from the bike and landed in the road. His motorcycle struck a vehicle that was traveling westbound and then struck the other motorcycle knocking that rider to the ground.

The first rider identified as a 37-year-old male from Holly, was pronounced dead at the scene. He was wearing a helmet. The driver of the westbound vehicle was not injured. The driver of the second motorcycle had minor injuries but did not require medical attention.

Grange Hall Road was shut down for the investigation and reopened at 2 a.m. The crash remains under investigation.

HOT LINE CONTINUED
TO THE READER who claimed the words love and forgiveness do not appear in the Muslim holy book, I did a search in the Quran online and there are dozens of instances of both these words. Who makes this crap up?

BEING THE FIRST black president in the USA, Obama had the best opportunity to help mend some racial problems, but he totally ignored this and pursued his political agenda. His legacy will reflect failure in everything.

ARTWALK WAS WONDERFUL. The format was great; involved all the revitalized downtown area and all the local retailers. Kudos to everybody involved.

REGARDING THE PROPOSED new truck route ordinance, City Council members please consider the many families that live along LeRoy Street between North Road and downtown. We have literally dozens and dozens of small children living in these homes.

THE KING’S COLUMNS are interesting and meaningful whereas Heller writes meaningless garlic.

BUY ONE, GET one free is great because of the recent invention of freezers.

THANK YOU ATTORNEY General Bill Schuette for disagreeing with the governor and joining other states in suing the federal government for violating the constitution, denying parental rights, local control and creating yet another decisive issue to divide our country.

CITY OF FENTON
ORDINANCE NO. 700

Ordinance No. 700, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 32, of the City of Fenton Code of Ordinances, to establish a truck route in the City of Fenton was enacted by the Fenton City Council.

Chapter 32, Section 32-58 of the City of Fenton Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 32-58. – Restrictions on size and weight.

Subject to certain exceptions set forth in this article, no person shall operate or haul or cause to be operated or hauled any vehicle, truck, truck tractor, trailer, or semi-trailer which exceeds the size or weight limitations or unit combination restrictions designated in this article.

Notwithstanding any other Section of this Code of Ordinances, except for Section 32-65, trucks or semi-trailers shall only be operated on the following streets:

(a) Main Street/Silver Lake Road between the eastern boundary of the city and the western boundary of the city.

(b) Fernday Drive between Owen Road and Silver Lake Road.

(c) Owen Road between the western boundary of the city and the intersection of Owen Road with Fernday Drive.

(d) Leroy Street between the intersection of Leroy Street with Silver Lake Road/Main Street on the south and the northern boundary of the city.

Ordinance No. 700 was adopted at a regular meeting of the Fenton City Council held on July 11, 2016. This Ordinance will take effect on July 21, 2016.

The complete text of Ordinance No. 700 is on file in the office of the City Clerk and available for review by the general public during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

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POKÉMON
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outside if they want to play the game. It’s been the most popular app to download since it came out this past weekend, according to The Verge.

The goal is to become the best Pokémon trainer. The game uses the phone’s GPS and places different virtual reality Pokémon characters around the area. The game alerts users when one is near and people must physically walk to the location to catch it.

Flushing resident Catherine Rule, who regularly plays the game in Fenton, said the game is “amazing. It’s actually somewhat difficult to describe just how amazing it is to not only be running around living out my childhood dream, but to be doing it with so many wonderful people,” she said. “I’ve caught hundreds, but just 57 different types so far.”

She said when she first downloaded the app, she “ran around town from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m., catching Pokémon and laughing and taking over gyms and just being a child again. It was incredible and the 10 miles I traveled felt like nothing.”

She said there were numerous server issues the next day, though.

Rule said she loves that the game is getting people outside. “I’ve run/walked roughly 10 miles every day since the release. I’ve explored Flushing, Fenton, Flint and Brighton the most so far. I’ve met so many new people and watched complete strangers help each other out and group up,” she said.

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CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT INVESTIGATION

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“Cold air returns are also the reason new homeowners experience excessive dust. While work was being done in the home, your cold air returns sucked all the dust into the system. It settled on a 10 foot by 10 foot by 3 inch thick of the duct lines and little by little, that debris is being blown back into your home,” Keith continued. “A simple step is to take a walk down into your basement, and look up at the ceiling for thin sheets of tin being blown back into your home,” Keith continued. “A simple step is to take a walk down into your basement, and look up at the ceiling for thin sheets of tin being blown back into your home.”

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It’s beyond belief

Holly couple deliver basic necessities to flood-ravaged West Virginia

By Sally Rummel
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A huge cargo truck filled from end to end with clothes, food, toiletries and more pulled out of the driveway of Dick and Dawn Rossell’s Holly home on Sunday, July 3, bound for West Virginia.

Their goal was to ease some of the devastation from flash floods that killed 23 people and severely damaged or destroyed more than 1,200 homes on June 23.

Thousands of people were left homeless and many more without the basic necessities of water, food, clothing, shelter, etc.

The hardest hit areas were in Roane, Kanawaha and Greenbrier counties, where most of the fatalities occurred.

“It’s beyond belief,” said Dawn, who returned to Holly on Tuesday, July 5, in the now-empty truck that had been donated by Lafontaine Auto. “Roads are washed out, houses are knocked off their foundations and there’s mud everywhere. People’s belongings were literally hanging from trees.”

While the National Guard, FEMA, American Red Cross were there to help with infrastructure issues, it was the volunteers who came with food and clothing who worked one-on-one with the people, according to Dawn.

“The worst town we saw was Clendenin,” said Dawn. “Volunteers set up a makeshift town and hospital in a town that was totally destroyed. West Virginia has the most veterans of any state in the U.S.”

The Rossells are still collecting gift cards, in $10 increments, to mail to their contacts in West Virginia, for Walmart, Kmart, Lowe’s, The Home Depot, McDonald’s. For more information, call (248) 634-7040.

HOUSE FIRE

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“A lifetime of memories have gone up in smoke,” Stiverson said. Thank God we still have those people in our lives that helped make those memories. I grew up in that house.”

The house will have to be demolished, Stiverson said. He is not sure yet what caused the fire. He believes they may have lost a couple of cats.

As the Fenton Township Fire Department responded to the scene with tanker trucks, Fenton City responded through mutual aid. Soon afterward, Linden City, Mundy Township and Argentine Township fire departments responded to the scene to assist, as well.

With temperatures hovering in the mid-80s, firefighters battled the blaze. There were no occupants at the time of the fire.

The cause of the fire and extent of the damage is not yet known.

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Will Stiverson
Fenton Township house fire victim

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Some repeats, some new winners at Bastille Day race

By David Troppens
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Linden’s Smith captured the overall male crown by finishing the event with a time of 16:02, 56 seconds faster than Flint’s Owen Smith. Meanwhile, Redmond won the women’s race with a time of 20:49, 47 seconds faster than second-place Katarina Genson (21:36).

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Anderson won with a time of 53:24, over five minutes faster than second-place Shane Logan of Clarkston. Logan finished in 58:50. Bragg had the race’s fifth-fastest time overall completing the course in 59:20.

For Bragg, it may be the last Bastille Day race she wins for awhile. Wearing a Great Britain running jersey, Bragg will be moving to England at the start of the year to start a new chapter of her life.

“My fiancé lives there,” Bragg said. “So I’m getting married and moving over there. I was like I have to do Bastille. I don’t know when I’ll be able to do it again, and it’s one of my favorite races.

“It’s kind of my last run of Michigan races. I’ll do the Crim and it will be my last Crim for a bit. I’m sure I’ll get back to do some races”.

Bragg’s time was her best winning time ever. She posted a time of 59:41 — her previous best winning time — when she won the race in 2014. She felt she wasn’t completely in shape based on the fact she ran the Volksalute 20K on July 4, winning the event in her first attempt ever.

“During the first mile my legs were a little stiff and then I got into it a little bit and I tried to remember my training,” said Bragg, who appropriately had the No. 1 bib number. “I’ve been training with Hansons for a while, doing the Crim and the Volksalute.”

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dents Peter Kennings (18:32) and Samuel Cox (18:45) placed sixth and seventh, respectively. After the top two, all of the runners in the top six were teenagers.

“I had a lot of pressure the first mile,” Smith said. “You never know how young and fresh these kids are feeling. (One of the competitors) put a lot of pressure on me the first mile. I think we went 4:59 the first mile. … Winning is always the goal, but you can only push your body as far as it is willing to go. Obviously, when you can do it, it feels that much better.”

A Lake Fenton graduate, Smith is a part of the younger generation of the future of tri-county runners. The area has a history of strong runners in road races. He was pleased to win the title.

“It’s fun. Most of the people know you here,” Smith said.

“They are all cheering for you and know you so it’s pretty awesome in that respect. I’m kind of a local celebrity. It always feels good to win one at home. It’s tough to win a road race in general.”

Redmond’s hometown was listed as Bethesda, Maryland, but that’s just where she lives now. The Powers grad and Fenton native comes back to her stomping grounds about three weeks every summer, enabling her to be a consistent competitor at the Bastille Day Run. This was the first time she was able to win the 5K win at Bastille Day, posting the 16th best time of all finishers regardless of gender.

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Running a lot with some amazing guys and some great girls.

“They’ve been pushing me.”

Last year Bragg finished in 1:03:15 but didn’t feel too good about her performance in the much hotter conditions. She passed out.

“It was overcast and a lot cooler than last year,” Bragg said. “I passed out at the end of last year. That was much better as opposed to last year.”

Anderson jumped to a quick lead at the start of the race and maintained it throughout, but he gave the impression there was room for improvement.

“I’m not in as good as shape as the last two years, so I figured I’d use this as a final workout (for the Great Lakes Relay). I love the course. I grew up running on it. It’s my favorite (race) to do.”

Anderson is training for the Great Lakes Relay (GLR). The GLR is a three-day event featuring some of the country’s longest and most challenging terrain of any relay race through portions of the upper peninsula and the Lower Peninsula. He was on the winning (GLR) team two years ago and appeared to be on the winning squad last year until his team was disqualified. His squad is looking for revenge this year.

“We have to make up for (being disqualified) last year,” Anderson said.

Finishing third overall was Todd Connor (59:03), followed by John Niven (59:13).

“Always run this and the New Year’s Eve race and I usually finish second or third in that one,” Redmond said. “My parents are here and my kids are running today.

“My time was terribly slow. I’d rather be in second or third place and have a faster time, but it’s all right.”

Bowling Green, Ohio’s Katarina Genson was second (21:36) while Grand Blanc’s Lauren DeMers was third (23:59). California’s Alexandria Tifhof-Hill was fourth (24:04) followed by White Lake’s Vicki Wood in fifth (25:21).

“It feels good to win it because this is where I grew up,” Redmond said.

The oldest of the 262 runners who finished the 5K event was Highland’s Roy Brown. At 75-years old he finished the event in 30:34.
Garage Sales

**Fenton**

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**JULY 14-15TH**

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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 (ideal with horses but if not other livestock).
Pay: $75/day with raise potential.
Please respond to nevvm2576@gmail.com.

In your response, please:
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.

Job Openings

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NOTICE
ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS
DECEMBER 15, 2015 BOARD OF REVIEW

The Argentine Township Board of Review will hold its July meeting as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, July 19, 2015
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
PLACE: Argentine Township Hall
9048 Silver Lake Road
Linden MI 48451
(810) 735-5050

Purpose: To correct any of the errors in assessments and tax rates, to review claims of qualified homestead on properties and to review hardship/poverty/veterans claims.

Denise Graves, Clerk, Argentine Township
WEDNESDAY SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

WEDNESDAY JUMBLE

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

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NOW ARRANGE THE CIRCLED LETTERS TO FORM THE SURPRISE ANSWER, AS SUGGESTED BY THE ABOVE CARTOON.

DVD RELEASES

MIRACLES FROM HEAVEN

When Christy discovers her 10-year-old daughter Anna has a rare, incurable disease, she becomes a ferocious advocate for her daughter’s healing as she searches for a solution. After Anna has a freak accident, an extraordinary miracle unfolds in the wake of her dramatic rescue that leaves medical specialists mystified, her family restored and their community inspired. Based on a true story.

PG, 1 hr. 49 min.

83% liked it

GREEN ROOM

Green Room is a brilliantly crafted and wickedly fun horror-thriller starring Patrick Stewart as a diabolical club owner who squares off against an unsuspecting but resilient young punk band. Down on their luck punk rockers The Ain’t Rights are finishing up a long and unsuccessful tour, and are about to call it quits when they get an unexpected booking at an isolated, run-down club deep in the backwoods of Oregon.

R, 1 hr. 34 min.

80% liked it

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

1 With 5-Across, fade
5 See 1-Across
8 Old World duck
12 Inauguration recitation
13 Genetic stuff
14 Comic strip possum
15 Lo-cal
16 Squid’s squirt
17 Acknowledge
18 Gold coin of old Italy
20 Differently
22 Berlin-born actress
26 Hackneyed
29 Banned pesticide
30 Ostrich’s kin
31 Miners’ finds
32 Pair
33 Oklahoma city
34 Zodiac sign
35 Onassis, familiarly
36 Isolated hill
37 Berlin-born actress
40 Census statistics
41 Slanted, in print
45 Fence opening
47 Pitch
49 Angry
50 Verve
51 -- out a living
52 PC picture
53 Dissolve
54 Pop
55 + “Mis-behavin’” *
7 tanker
8 one
10 Id counter-part
11 “Holy cow!”
12 The Big Cat’s animal magnetism has rarely been stronger. You can either just bask in all that admiration or use it to your advantage, especially in the workplace.
13 Someone who previously balked at cooperating with you on a project suddenly has a change of heart.
14 Accept both help and advice with grace.
15 Determined to see things through to the end.
16 A Pisces has romantic ideas.
17 Might be too close to a troublesome workplace situation.
18 Yeast
19 Bask
20 Isolated
21 Essential
22 Of the past
23 To re-establish
24 Hopeful
25 Payoff
26 Fresh
27 Wholehearted
28 A personal relationship continues to be affected by a recent unexpected turn of events.
29 Aries
30 Miracles From Heaven
31 Green Room
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1 Rory Molloy’s game
2 Bar
3 “Beetle Bailey” dog
4 Although
5 Quaff
6 Hostel
7 Manages with what one has
8 Tic
9 Gesture
10 Id counter-part
11 Under the weather
12 Land of
13 Harrow
14 Paralyzed
15 Buzz Aldrin’s game
16 Real first name
17 Send forth
18 Officious
19 Hearty brew
20 Cloudy
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