More pain at the pump coming in 2017

Michigan’s drivers will have 13th highest gas tax in nation

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Filling up at the gas station this summer has been relatively pain-free with gas prices ranging from $2.16 to $2.79 per gallon since mid-April, according to GasBuddy.com. Motorists, however, can expect to pay more in 2017.

In November 2015, Gov. Rick Snyder signed a law that will increase gas taxes by 7.3 cents per gallon, making Michigan drivers pay 26.3 cents per gallon tax, along with the 6-percent sales tax.

This bill was introduced to the House on June 17, 2015 by Rep. Michael McCready.

The state expects to generate approximately $450 million a year from new fuel tax and registration fees. Money from these taxes will go to fixing Michigan roads.

The state’s current 19 cents per gallon tax was last increased in 1981.

Area police chiefs share thoughts on shootings across nation

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Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Dallas, Texas — tragic shootings involving police and citizens, both on the wrong end of the gun, hit on the TV news every night and it never seems to end.

While these tragic shootings are taking place in larger cities, the Tri-County Times asked local police chiefs to share their thoughts and comments on recent events involving police and citizens.

“The recent violence against our police officers demonstrates the real dangers that law enforcement face each and every day,” Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter.

Local police are wearing mourning bands on their badges to honor fallen Dallas and Baton Rouge officers.

Flying Star Rodeo wows biggest audience

A cowboy falls from his horse at the annual Gaines community rodeo on Saturday. Knights of Columbus Council 12186, the event organizer, brought in Flying Star Rodeo for the weekend performances. Brian Wendt, Knights of Columbus Rodeo Committee chairman, said this was their biggest rodeo ever, with approximately 1,800 guests on Saturday. In this rodeo event, cowboys had to hold on as long as they could while a horse tried to buck them off.

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Michigan football fans should be embarrassed by the caliber of some of the teams they play. First game is with Hawaii, which won two games last year against cupcake opponents. It’s an insult to true football fans.

Thank you Michael Burns for a job well done. I know how difficult it was at times, especially with folks who really did not want to see any changes in the downtown area. But for we who want to see Fenton move forward, you did an excellent job. Good luck in your new position.

All black people aren’t criminals. All cops aren’t bad. All white people aren’t racist. All Muslims aren’t terrorists. We’re all humans. Act like it.
Are GMOs harmful?

The National Academy of Sciences weighs in on modern-day technique

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The short answer is no. The long answer begins with the fact that you most likely eat GMOs, or genetically modified organisms, every day. A GMO is any organism whose genetic material has been altered using genetic engineering techniques, according to science.howstuffworks.com.

For years, controversy has surrounded GMOs and GMO products, despite hundreds of studies showing that they are not harmful. In May after a two-year study the National Academy of Sciences put together a committee of experts to research scientific evidence on GMOs, and released a report saying that GMOs, or genetically engineered crops, are not harmful to animals, farmers or the environment.

According to the report, “long-term data on livestock health before and after the introduction of GE (genetically engineered) crops showed no adverse effects associated with GE crops. The committee also examined epidemiological data on incidence of cancers and other human-health problems over time and found no substantiated evidence that foods from GE crops were less safe than foods from non-GE crops.”

According to geneticalcyproject.com, a group of Italian scientists analyzed 1,783 studies about the safety and environmental impacts of GMO foods. They couldn’t find a single credible example demonstrating that GMOs could cause harm to humans or animals.

Yet, many Americans don’t trust GMO foods.

A Pew Research Center poll found that 88 percent of scientists in the American Association for the Advancement of Science believe that GMOs are safe for human consumption, even though only 37 percent of the public believe they are safe.

Many people do not realize they consume GMO foods every day. (see sidebar)

GMO foods

- Corn
- Canola
- Soy
- Cotton
- Sugar beets
- Zucchini
- Yellow summer squash
- Papaya
- Aspartame
- Dairy

Source: wholefoodsmarket.com, nongmoproject.org

Even though many crops we eat today, including soy beans, have been genetically modified, the National Academy of Sciences says that GMOs are not harmful.

More than 90 percent of the soy and corn crops planted today are grown from GMO seeds, according to Michigan State University horticulturalist Rebecca Grumet, in a previous Times article.

Scientists add or modify DNA in an organism for several reasons — it’s been used to mass produce insulin, human growth hormones, antibodies, vaccines, to discover the function of new genes, among other reasons, according to boundless.com.

“Virtually any crop that we use today is very different from what we’d find in the wild,” Grumet said.

Even the animals we consume eat GMO foods.

According to Forbes, food-producing animals around the world consume 70-90 percent of genetically engineered crop biomass, which mainly includes corn and soybeans. In the United States, more than nine billion food-producing animals are produced every year, and more than 95 percent of those animals consume feed with genetically engineered crops.

One study conducted by Geneticist Alison V an Eenennaam and research assistant Amy E. Young for the University of California-Davis Department of Animal Science tested the effects of GMO crops on animals. They studied more than 100 billion animals before 1996 when animal feed was 100 percent GMO-free, and then again, when animal feed was 90 percent GMO. They found that GMO feed was safe and nutritionally equivalent to GMO-free feed.

Despite all these studies, many people still don’t trust products with the label “GM food.” Psychologist Maria Konnikova wrote that this happens because people associate unnaturalness with “bad” and organic as “good.”

In a riddle for The New York Ork, Konnikova cited Paul Slovic, another psychologist, who studied how when it comes to new, unknown technologies, data always loses to emotion.
Knights of Columbus presents its largest rodeo ever

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Gaines — The sun was shining, music was playing, and cowboy hats and boots were everywhere on Saturday at the second performance by Flying Star Rodeo in Gaines.

The rodeo attracted approximately 2,800 attendees with their impressive shows of horseback riding, steer wrestling, barrel racing, bareback riding, and more.

During the first event, bareback riding, the audience loved to see how long cowboys could hold on with one hand while a horse tried to buck them off.

The annual Gaines community rodeo is hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 12166. They’re a not-for profit group and donate proceeds back to the community and to different community charities, said Rodeo Committee Chairman Brian Wendt.

Saturday was their largest rodeo ever, with approximately 1,800 attendees. Friday also had a large crowd with approximately 1,000 people.

“This year we’re giving a lot of it (proceeds) to the National VFW Home for Children, located in Eaton Rapids,” he said.

All the events were dangerous to some extent, and they held the audience’s attention.

In the second event, steer wrestling, cowboys on horses chased a steer, or a young bull, and then jumped off, grabbed its horns, and wrestled it to the ground.

Wendt said common injuries include hairline fractures and broken ribs, but that doesn’t mean people get hurt at every rodeo.

“One of our little britches contestants ended up falling off and getting trampled. He ended up with two broken ribs and a hairline fracture,” Wendt said. “He’s doing better now. He’s got a four-to-six week recovery but he’ll be back at it,” he said.

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May I have a word with you?

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ike most people, I see and read lots of words every day on computer screens, in newspapers, on TV, signs, menus, billboards, bumper stickers, bills, commercial vehicles — pretty much everywhere you look you will see words.

Most of the words I see affect me in differing ways. Some, like ‘willowy,’ are pleasant and conjure up a vision of a graceful, long-legged colt. Some, like ‘bloated,’ are disgusting and remind me of painful episodes of...um, intestinal distress.

Some, like ‘bump, cuckoo, croak, hiccup, meow, ping-pong, zip’ and ‘sizzle’ sound exactly like the event or activity they describe. Some, like ‘bimonthly,’ are ambiguous as to their meaning (twice a month or every other month — hmmm)?

Other words are notable for odd reasons — such as words that exist only in place form, like ‘bincolars, forceps, gallows, glasses, pliers, scissors, pants, tongs etc.’ ‘Ergo, you can’t make ‘amend,’ smash something to ‘smither-en,’ or be in ‘cahoot’ with someone.

There are a few words that I simply cannot tolerate, and so, avoid them whenever possible. A perfect example of a word that should be replaced because nearly everyone is disgusted by it is ‘crotch.’ And the names of the body parts that generally exist in each human’s...um, crotch are just as bad. That whole collection is titiled oddly enough without labeling the aggregate as ‘crotch.’

Another disgusting word is ‘bulbous.’ Many people (me not among them), think that bulbous is a noun. Example: ‘I regret to inform you Mr. Childs that you have a large, stage three, phlegmatic bulbous attached to your sacropogus, which will now have to be removed’ — (the bulbous, not the sacropogus.)

Truth be told, bulbous is an adjective. Example: ‘The enormous pores in Grampa’s bulbous nose could hold enough mustard to supply a New York City deli for a month.’ I don’t mind ‘bulb.’ I can tolerate the versatile and handy ‘ous.’ It’s only when you couple them that the result resembles the genetically-unfortunate child of two beautiful parents who each inexplicably (one of my favorite words) provided their worst physical features and traits to their unfortunate spawn.

But, I digress.

Another awful word is ‘jowls.’ Webster’s repugnantly defines ‘jowls’ as 1) a fold of flesh hanging from the jaw,...as of a very fat person, or 2) the meat of the cheek of a hog, or 3) the dewlap of cattle, or 4) the wattle of fowls. ‘Jowls’ is also unique in the sense that the facial contours required to pronounce it actually produce jowls on the unfortunate speaker — a phenomenon known as ‘Nixonitis.’

Even ‘word’ is weird. Shouldn’t it be pronounced like ‘lord,’ ‘cord’ or ‘ford,’ not like bird? If I were King, all body part names would be royally restricted to one syllable. If ‘brain’ and ‘heart’ can be one syllable, so can any other part.

And what the hell is a dewlap?

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How safe do you feel in your community?

“I feel very safe here. There is stuff happening, but the chances of it happening to you are unlikely.”
— Janice Cooley
Fenton

“I feel pretty safe in my community. It’s a tiny town and not much can happen here.”
— Shelby Puckett
Fenton

“Totally awesome, safe, because I have a lot of faith that God is watching over me. This is a loving community.”
— Maxine Lenk
Fenton

“Very safe. I have lived in Fenton on two separate occasions and have always felt safe here.”
— Brandon Anderson
Fenton

“I feel safe, I am just optimistic I guess.”
— John Mincey
Tyrone Township

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Get off my TV

More than 30 years ago, a wise older friend told me, ‘The biggest drug pusher in America is sitting right in our living rooms.’

She was of course referring to prescription drug commercials on TV. Yes, it has been that long or longer since we have been subjected to these ridiculous television ads.

Aside from the outrageous amount of money spent on these ads (which ultimately comes out of our pockets), the lengthy list of negative symptoms that could occur if you use the drug makes you forget about what the medicine was intended to combat in the first place.

Say I want to quit smoking and see the Chantix commercial on TV. It says, and I quote, ‘Common side effects of Chantix include nausea that (may persist for several months), sleep disturbance, stomach pain, indigestion, constipation, gas, vomiting, headaches, weakness, tiredness, unusual dreams, sleep problems (insomnia), dry mouth, or unpleasant taste in your mouth.’

If you experience any of those symptoms you should stop taking Chantix and call your doctor immediately.

What! I wouldn’t take Chantix after hearing all that. Might as well quit smoking cold turkey — same thing.

My other favorites are ‘(this drug) may cause moodiness, unusual thoughts and behaviors, and thoughts of suicide.’

Sure, we’re gonna race straight to the doctor’s office and ask for that prescription. Can you hear the paramedics now. ‘Poor thing, the drug made her kill herself when all she really wanted to do was go poo.’

But there is hope. It makes me happy to learn that in November of 2015 the American Medical Association began its quest to have a ban placed on direct-to-consumer advertising of prescription drugs and medical devices.

The vote in support of an advertising ban reflects concerns among physicians about the negative impact of commercially-driven promotions, and the role that marketing costs play in fueling escalating drug prices, said AMA Board Chair-elect Patrice A. Harris, M.D., M.A. in November 2015. ‘Direct-to-consumer advertising also inflates demand for new and more expensive drugs, even when these drugs may not be appropriate,’ she said.

According to the AMA, ‘The United States and New Zealand are the only two countries in the world that allow direct-to-consumer advertising of prescription drugs.’

According to a February article in the Washington Post, the money some pharmaceutical companies spend each year in advertising is a third or more than what they spend on research and development.

Ad spending soared more than 60 percent in the last four years, hitting $5.2 billion last year.

Nine prescription drugs are on pace to break $100 million worth of TV ad time this year.

One-quarter of the industry’s $5.2 billion in spending last year went to advertise just five drugs: Humira, which treats a number of common conditions, including arthritis; Lyrica, for nerve and muscle pain, including fibromyalgia; Eliquis, an anticoagulant that can reduce stroke risk in some patients; Cialis, the erectile dysfunction drug; and Xeljanz, for rheumatoid arthritis.

Critics are expressing concern that expenditures on advertising drive up the price of drugs.

They’re frustrated, too, when patients insist on getting the brand-name medication they’ve seen on TV, though other drugs might be more effective or less expensive, or both.

These TV advertisements encourage people to self-diagnose when they have certain symptoms, go into the doctor’s office with a brand name product to treat it, and negate the entire reason for going to the doctor to begin with.

But the marketing must be working because the ban is not yet in place and ads still dominate TV. The only time we get a break is during an election year, when ridiculous political ads dominate the airwaves nonstop, which is just as bad — and they’re coming soon. I wonder if there’s a pill for that.

Vera Hogan

Planetarium comes to Fenton

Children at the Fenton Montessori Academy take part in a Sloan-Longway mini-planetarium program on July 12. The program, “In My Backyard,” educates the children on things they can see, day or night, from their backyard. The mobile planetarium seats approximately 30 children, and visits about 40 schools per year.

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Constructive possession and the law

There is an ancient proverb that says, ‘possession is nine-tenths of the law.’

I’m not sure if this is an accurate percentage, but certainly there are many laws dealing with the concept of possession.

For example, in the criminal law, it is against the law to steal property from the rightful owner or possessor. It is also against the law to trespass on another’s property.

These are rather simple examples that don’t need much explanation. What might not be as well known or simple is an area of criminal law, which prohibits the possession of controlled substances or weapons without having actual ‘physical’ possession.

To illustrate, we know that it is the law of the state that unless one has a prescription it is against the law to be in possession of such substances. So too (under certain circumstances) with weapons, as the law prohibits their possession by a convicted felon.

If a defendant has illegal drugs in their pocket or a convicted felon has a handgun in theirs, it is fairly clear that this is a violation of the law.

However, it often is not this straightforward and is when the legal concept of ‘constructive possession’ applies and for which most people may not be familiar.

Case law tells us that there are two ways that one can possess contraband articles, actual (as illustrated above) or constructively. Constructive possession occurs when, after a review of the totality of the circumstances, there is a sufficient nexus or connection between a defendant and the contraband.

Examples include a defendant being found in a sparsely furnished apartment that contained cocaine and large sums of money in plain view; a defendant being at a location where cocaine was found and cocaine traces were on his shirts stored in his truck; and generally, a showing that although the contraband actually wasn’t found on him, he exercised dominion or control over the property.

The legal concept here is that one doesn’t have to have the contraband articles in their physical possession to be convicted of a crime. This is a time honored maxim that has been with us for many years.

Perhaps possession is indeed nine-tenths of the law, but the footnote to the saying probably should be including ‘constructive possession.'
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The cast of “Grease” finishes performing “Tell Me More...” during dress rehearsal Monday night. In this scene, Danny Zuko, played by Gage Webster, downplays knowing Sandra “Dee,” played by Sadie Kessler.

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The rodeo for 11 years. “I always sit right to the sun. She said she’s been coming to the rodeo for 11 years. “I always enjoy it. It’s really grown.”

She said the event has become more popular in the past decade, but the rodeo itself stayed the same. “It’s a lot more people. It’s a nice gig,” she said.

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**Fenton Village Players to perform pop musical in Holly**

By Sally Rummel

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Who can get for the charming 1950s movie love story of John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John, when “Grease” hit theaters in 1978 after a very successful run on Broadway.

This beloved show will hit the local stage when Fenton Village Players perform the musical beginning Thursday July 21 at 7 p.m. Show times will continue Friday and Saturday, July 22 and 23 at 7 p.m. with a Sunday, July 24 matinee at 2 p.m. matinee, followed by 7 p.m. performances on Friday and Saturday, July 29 and 30 and a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, July 31.

For this new venue only-assigned seats will be provided with each ticket purchase. “We chose ‘Grease’ because it is loved by so many people,” said Laura Legant, producer. “Since we’ve sold out our musicals the last few years, we decided to approach the Karl Richter Community Center to see if we could use their auditorium. It has 560 seats compared to Playhouse capacity of 150. I felt it was a good fit between the Holly and Fenton communities. It’s also an opportunity to show off the community center’s new hardwood stage floor and new lighting.”

Starring roles include Sadie Kessler as Sandy Dumbrowski and Gage Webster as Danny Zuko. A total of 35 are in the cast. “It’s an amazing cast, so very talented,” said Legant. Working with her are Direc- tor Jonathan Smith, Music Director Rafael McDaniel and Choreographer Andrea Allen.

Tickets are available on-line at fentontheater.org, or at box offices at The UPS Store in Fenton and Fen- ton’s Open Book bookstore. See the show at the Karl Richter Community Center, 300 East St., Holly.

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**Rodeo**

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The show also featured a “funny man,” or someone dressed as a clown for comedic relief. The funny man at this rodeo was a bull rider. “They’re there to distract the animals so the rider can get away,” he said. “Our funny man is actually EMT-certified so he can be a first responder if anything happens.”

With increased attendance, Wendt said they did as much in conces- sion sales on Friday as they did last year on Friday and Saturday combined. “We actually started running out of food on Friday,” he said.

Nearly 200 cowboys and cowgirls came from all over the state to compete in the different events.

Brittany Aldrich, who’s been riding since she was 3, came from Fowlerville to compete with her horse in the barrel racing competition. “He did good,” she said. “It’s a lot of fun.”

She said she gets nervous right before you go in. “But right as you go in, it’s good,” she said.

Barrel racing contestants must race out onto the field, around three barrels, and back of the field. The person with the fastest time wins.

Aldrich regularly competes in barrel rac- ing competitions with another horse, and said it was fun to do this in another atmosphere. “I love it. This is my first rodeo,” she said.

David Wington, 14, who competed in tie down and team roping, has been learning different rodeo events since he was 7. In the tie down event, contestants must ride out on horseback and lasso a calf. They then run from their horse to the calf and rope three legs of the calf. “I like it, it’s a lot of fun,” he said.

Gayle W ardie and her husband at - tended the rodeo, sitting with their backs to the sun. She said she has been coming to the rodeo for 11 years. “I always sit right here,” she said. “I always enjoyed it. It’s really grown.”

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**“Tell Me More,” during dress rehearsal**

Monday night. In this scene, Danny Zuko, played by Gage Webster, downplays knowing Sandra “Dee,” played by Sadie Kessler.
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Jack is a ‘Shore’ thing on our team

Stellar season on mound sparks Linden junior to top of our baseball squad

By David Troppens
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Jack Shore was pretty much an unknown going into his junior season at Linden High School.

Sure, Linden varsity baseball coach Steve Buerkel knew he was a baseball player. He probably knew that Shore sat at his son’s lunch table during the school year as well. But before the start of baseball season, he probably didn’t know much more than that.

Even Shore didn’t know for sure where he’d fit in after moving from Portage Central (Mich.). I probably knew that Shore sat at his son’s lunch table during the school year as well. But before the start of baseball season, he probably didn’t know much more than that.

“When I came to Linden, they had Jamon Link, another great catcher. … I didn’t know where I was. They had Luke Marshall as their No. 1 pitcher at the beginning of the season.”

But Buerkel quickly realized where Shore did belong. He belonged on the mound. And while out there, he may have posted what was the best single-season pitching performance in Linden varsity baseball history.

Portage Central High School. He thought he may end up playing catcher, until he realized that Jamon Link was patrolling that position. As a sophomore a year earlier, he wasn’t even one of Portage Central’s top starting pitchers.

“I wasn’t our best pitcher (at Portage Central). I probably was going into my junior season with the catching spot locked down,” Link said. “I talked to the coach and he said third base and catcher and maybe getting some mound time.

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But Buerkel quickly realized where Shore did belong. He belonged on the mound. And while out there, he may have posted what was the best single-season pitching performance in Linden varsity baseball history.

Shore allowed just seven earned runs over 103 1/3 innings and tossed shutouts in nine of the 14 games he started. He posted a 13-2 record overall and two saves, while also enabling his right arm to lead the Eagles to the Division 2 state championship game for the second time in school history.

Shore ended his 14 starts.

“All season, resulting in a ridiculous 0.47 earned run average.

Shore’s competitive nature is the key. Starting pitcher and First-Team All-State selection Jack Shore is our baseball Player of the Year. Listed below are some of his stats from the 2016 season.

PITCHING

• Posted a 13-2 record. He also had two saves.

• Allowed just seven earned runs all season, resulting in a ridiculously outstanding 0.47 earned run average.

• He pitched nine shutouts among his 14 starts.

• He allowed 66 hits and 33 walks over the 103 1/3 innings he pitched.

He was going to be very solid from his arm strength and the way he pitched. He had a great command to him. You never know what you get until you get into competition but … I knew he had to be pretty good.

When we started scrimmaging we saw he had the competitive ability and he had the ‘it’ factor.

Holly’s Hodges, Woodruff prepare for college careers

By David Troppens
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Two of the finest players to ever come out of Holly High School’s varsity boys basketball program were Ian Hodges and Kyle Woodruff.

Woodruff finished his career as the fourth-highest scoring player and as the top three-point shooter in school history, while Hodges finished his career as a Second-Team All-State player.

Now, both of them will continue another tradition — one of Holly varsity boys basketball players competing at the next level.

Hodges is headed to Division 2 Northern Michigan University while Woodruff will play at Division 3 power Marietta College (Ohio).

“This means everything to me,” Hodges said. “I had some goals written on my wall and I achieved them. I wanted to play at least D2 level college basketball. I had some goals and I kicked them all down.

“I’ve been in the gym with a lot of long nights of sweat and blood. This is what you work for, to get to this point.

“This is what I love. It’s never been a job for me, but I’ve treated it as a job. I’m ready for it. I’ve been ready for it. I can’t wait to get it started.”

“It means a lot to me,” Woodruff said.

“That’s what I’ve been working hard for. Since the second grade I’ve been playing basketball and my goal has been to play in college. I wouldn’t trade it for anything.”

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“When it was all said and done, their families and myself trusted both of them to pick what they were most comfortable with academically and athletically campus-wise and people-wise,” Holly varsity boys coach Lance Baylis said. “Kyle and Ian are smart guys and they didn’t make any rash decisions. I think they have found a school that has what they need academically.”

Woodruff was a four-year varsity player at Holly, and on any given night he could light it up from behind the three-point line. He always felt he was going to outlast anyone he was pitching against and I believe he did. In regionals, Holly’s Kyle Woodruff (left) is headed to Marietta College to play basketball this school year. Woodruff ended his Holly career as the fourth-highest leading scorer in school history.

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When Shore was capable of, Linden fans found out quickly, and that was near-perfection. He opened the season with 33 straight innings of shutout ball, tossing four straight complete game shutouts in the process. Once he did that, people started expecting perfection, and Shore continued to produce.

He played a key role in Linden capturing the Metro League championship ship when the squad swept Clio in a doubleheader. He pitched in relief in the first game, earning the win in a 7-6 victory earning Linden at least a share of the Metro crown. In the second game, he pitched seven shutout innings in the Eagles’ 1-0 11-inning victory, giving the Eagles the outright crown.

Postseason success

And then came the postseason. He opened the postseason with a 12-strikeout complete-game performance in Linden’s 4-0 district opener against Powers. He followed it up in the regionals, getting both wins of the tourney. He relieved two innings in the first game, earning the victory in a 2-1 eight-inning victory against Frankenmuth. Then, in the finals, he tossed eight innings of shutout ball, leading the Eagles to a 4-0 eight-inning victory to win the regional championship.

“Look at the regionals. Regionals are tough to win. First, he picked up the win in short relief against Frankenmuth and then he started the next game and pitched eight innings for the second win – that’s Jack,” Buerkel said. “Against Clio he went extra innings and we had to peel him out. That was Jack. You couldn’t get him out of the game. He didn’t want out of the game. He always felt he was going to outlast anyone he was pitching against and I believe he did. In regionals, he refused to lose, put the team on his shoulder and in 90-degree weather got us two wins to springboard us to the state championship game.”

Shore’s favorite game of the season came in the state quarterfinal, a 2-0 eight-inning victory against Gaylord. In it he also experienced the innning he will never forget, Gaylord’s bottom of the seventh inning. With the teams locked up in a scoreless tie, back-to-back singles and a walk loaded the bases for Gaylord with one out. On the next play, a ball was hit to third base resulting in Linden’s defensive play of the season. The throw to home came on a short hop to Link.

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Linden’s Jack Shore celebrates with teammates after the Eagles get out of a key seventh-inning jam against Gaylord in the state quarterfinals. Shore is our Tri-County Baseball Player of the Year.
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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the Tuesday, August 2, 2016 Primary Election has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at 10:00 am. The test will be performed at Fenton City Hall, City Council Chambers, 4030 S. Fenton Rd.

If you cannot attend the hearing, but desire to make comment on the project, please send your comments to sciofu@slpr.net by midnight on July 28th, 2016.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program and the equipment being used to tabulate the results of the election count the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

This notice is given pursuant to the “Open Meetings Act”, Public Act No. 267 of 1976.

Renee Wilson
City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation Board of Commissioners will be having a public hearing at their regularly scheduled Thursday meeting on July 28th. The public hearing will begin at 6pm to gather public comment on the proposed kayak/canoe launch and small picnic area at the property owned by the County Drain Commission on Rolston Rd in Argentine Township.

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**Obituaries**

**Maurine D. Jenkins**
- 1930-2016
- Maurine D. Jenkins - age 86, of Holly, died Fri-
  - day, July 15, 2016. Funeral services will be held at 2
  - PM Sunday, July 24, 2016
  - at the Dryer Funeral Home.
  - Holly, with Pastor
  - Bobby G. Hopkins officiat-
  - ing.

**Steven James Cunningham**
- 1956-2016
- Steven James Cunningham - age 59, of Flint, died
  - Wednesday, July 13, 2016.
  - A memorial service will be held
  - 11 AM Saturday,
  - July 23, 2016 at Sharp
  - Funeral Homes,
  - Flint, 1000 W.

**Lynn Ann Cooke**
- 1930-2016
- Lynn Ann Cooke, age 85, of Flint, died Sunday,
  - July 17, 2016.
  - A memorial service will be held 11 AM
  - Thursday, July 21, 2016
  - at Trinity Lutheran Church,
  - 1025 Main St, Flint.
  - Pastor
  - Thomas Dunbrille officiat-
  - ing. Visitatio
  - n will be held at the church
  - Thursday from 10 AM to the
  - time of service. Those desiring
  - may make contributions to
  - Trinity Lutheran Church
  - Building Fund. Lydia was
  - born September 15, 1930 in
  - Flint the daughter of August
  - and Mary (Andrykovich)
  - Frisorer. She was a 1948
  - graduate of Flint Northern
  - High School. She married
  - Lydia retired from the Flint
  - Board of Education as a
  - Secretary. She had resided in
  - Flint for the past 29 years
  - coming from Flint. She was
  - a member of Trinity Lutheran
  - Church. She also was a
  - member of antique and
  - sewing clubs. Lydia enjoyed
  - playing bridge, reading, and
  - sewing. Surviving are: her
  - husband of 66 years, Rob-
  - ert; children, Randy and
  - wife Jan Cooke of Florida
  - and Pam Flore of Swartz
  - Creek; grandchildren,
  - Alexis Cooke, David Flore,
  - Lindsey Annis, and Sara
  - and husband Rick Bes-
  - son; great-grandchildren,
  - Brynn and Body Annis and
  - Elisa, Ethan, and Char-
  - lie Besson, sister, Arlene
  - in Meinecke of Davison,
  - and numerous nieces, neph-
  - ews, and friends. She was
  - preceded in death by her
  - parents. Online tributes
  - may be posted on the
  - obituaries page at www.
  - sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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34. Check bar codes
35. Highly-rated
36. Upper crust
37. Tweet
40. Elevator name
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42. At it
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47. Between jobs
48. Compete
49. Inquisitive
50. Active sort
51. Shade provider

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20. Antioxidant berry
22. Winnie-the-Pooh’s creator
23. Enthusiastic, plus
25. Pork cut
26. Impressively direct
27. Spruced up

**DVD RELEASES**

**BATMAN V SUPERMAN: DAWN OF JUSTICE**

Batman (Ben Affleck) and Superman (Henry Cavill) clash over differing philosophies about what kind of heroism is needed to protect the world, while the public they’re defending is becoming increasingly mindful of the damage that superheroes and masked vigilantes cause. However, the duo are soon forced to confront an even greater threat created by nefarious billionaire Lex Luthor (Jesse Eisenberg). Directed by Zack Snyder. Also co-stars Amy Adams as Lois Lane, Jeremy Irons as Alfred the butler, and Gal Gadot as Wonder Woman.

PG-13, 2 hr. 31 min. Action/Adventure

**DEMON**

Davis Mitchelli (Jake Gyllenhaal), a successful investment banker, struggles after losing his wife in a tragic car crash. Despite pressure from his father in law, Phil (Chris Cooper), to pull it together, Davis continues to unravel. What starts as a complaint letter to a vending machine company turns into a series of letters revealing startling personal admissions. Davis’ letters catch the attention of customer service rep, Karen Mareno (Naomi Watts) and amidst emotional and financial burdens of her own, the two form an unlikely connection.

R, 1 hr. 40 min. Comedy/Drama

**HOROSCOPES**

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19)
You’re not Sheepish when it comes to asserting your opinions on what you think is right or wrong. Be assured that you’re being heard, and something positive will follow.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20)
Your sense of justice makes it difficult not to speak up about a recurring matter involving a co-worker. But, once again, you need facts to back you up before you can act.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20)
Romance is still dominant, and if Cupid misfired before, don’t worry. He’ll take better aim at someone new this time around. Expect favorable news about a financial matter.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22)
The zodiac’s Moon Children can expect things to work out pretty much as planned. One negative note involves a minor relationship problem that suddenly turns serious.

**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22)
You’re suddenly being asked to make choices between two practically equal offers. Which one to choose? Easy. The one most likely to gladden your Lion’s heart.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Once again, you’re confronted by a workplace problem you thought you’d already resolved. This time, you might need to go higher up to find a just resolution.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
Good for you: You’re determined to stick with your goals and ignore those naysayers who might try to discourage you. You’re on the right track. The challenge now is to stay on it.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
You’ll soon get news that is supposed to help you with a troublesome situation. Use your sharp Scorpion instincts to determine if the information is reliable.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
If you learn someone has betrayed your trust, don’t just accept it and walk away. You need to know why that person decided to do what he or she did.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
A painful family relationship problem could finally begin to heal. Be prepared to show more flexibility than you might like. But it could be worth it.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
It’s a good idea to enhance your career skills so you’ll be prepared to accept a more responsible position when it’s offered. A friend returns a favor just when you need it.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to March 20)
Show that strong, steely backbone that you usually hide, and demand to be included in any family decision-making that could affect the well-being of a loved one.

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**HOROSCOPES**

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19)
You’re not Sheepish when it comes to asserting your opinions on what you think is right or wrong. Be assured that you’re being heard, and something positive will follow.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20)
Your sense of justice makes it difficult not to speak up about a recurring matter involving a co-worker. But, once again, you need facts to back you up before you can act.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20)
Romance is still dominant, and if Cupid misfired before, don’t worry. He’ll take better aim at someone new this time around. Expect favorable news about a financial matter.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22)
The zodiac’s Moon Children can expect things to work out pretty much as planned. One negative note involves a minor relationship problem that suddenly turns serious.

**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22)
You’re suddenly being asked to make choices between two practically equal offers. Which one to choose? Easy. The one most likely to gladden your Lion’s heart.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Once again, you’re confronted by a workplace problem you thought you’d already resolved. This time, you might need to go higher up to find a just resolution.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
Good for you: You’re determined to stick with your goals and ignore those naysayers who might try to discourage you. You’re on the right track. The challenge now is to stay on it.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
You’ll soon get news that is supposed to help you with a troublesome situation. Use your sharp Scorpion instincts to determine if the information is reliable.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
If you learn someone has betrayed your trust, don’t just accept it and walk away. You need to know why that person decided to do what he or she did.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
A painful family relationship problem could finally begin to heal. Be prepared to show more flexibility than you might like. But it could be worth it.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
It’s a good idea to enhance your career skills so you’ll be prepared to accept a more responsible position when it’s offered. A friend returns a favor just when you need it.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to March 20)
Show that strong, steely backbone that you usually hide, and demand to be included in any family decision-making that could affect the well-being of a loved one.

**DVD RELEASES**

**BATMAN V SUPERMAN: DAWN OF JUSTICE**

Batman (Ben Affleck) and Superman (Henry Cavill) clash over differing philosophies about what kind of heroism is needed to protect the world, while the public they’re defending is becoming increasingly mindful of the damage that superheroes and masked vigilantes cause. However, the duo are soon forced to confront an even greater threat created by nefarious billionaire Lex Luthor (Jesse Eisenberg). Directed by Zack Snyder. Also co-stars Amy Adams as Lois Lane, Jeremy Irons as Alfred the butler, and Gal Gadot as Wonder Woman.

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